

STAR TREK**DIVONO/HARRIS
& NIVEN**

CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7731.1. MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS A SOCIOLOGY TEAM, ARE REMAINING ON ISKONIA TO HELP LYRA AND HER PEOPLE TO ADJUST TO THEIR NEW LIVES. LT. MARSHA LATHAM AND HER MEN ARE RECOVERING FROM THEIR ORDEAL IN SICK BAY, AS WE PROCEED TO THE NEUMENEDES STAR SYSTEM FOR A WELL-DESERVED R&R.



CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7738.5. R&R HAS BEEN DELAYED BY A PRIORITY MISSION. WE ARE PROCEEDING TO THE PLANET MIMIT, IN THE ZETA-SAGITTARII SYSTEM, WITH V.I.P. PASSENGERS - A DELEGATION OF HIGH-RANKING BEBEBEQUE. BECAUSE OF THEIR STATURE IN THE FEDERATION, THE ENTERPRISE HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF STARFLEET COLONIAL OPERATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN DIVERTED FROM NORMAL PATROL TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF A BEBEBEQUE COLONY ESTABLISHED ON MIMIT APPROXIMATELY 15 EARTH YEARS AGO.

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HE'S SHOWING THE STRAIN,
TOO. STARFLEET IS USING
MY SHIP FOR A TOUR BUS,
WHILE WE...

SUDDENLY...

ZIP!

EXCUSE
ME.

AHHHHHHH!

AHHH!
I CAN'T
STAND IT
ANY MORE!!

SICK BAY... BONES, I'VE
GOT ANOTHER CASE OF...

YES, I KNOW IT'S THE
SEVENTH ONE TODAY!

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TAKE IT EASY,
ENSIGN.

A FEW DAYS' REST
IN SICKBAY AND
YOU'LL BE FINE!

I'M AFRAID SOME OF MY CREW
ARE SUFFERING CULTURE SHOCK,
FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR...

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I REGRET THAT OUR MISSION
IS CAUSING HARDSHIP FOR
THE ENTERPRISE,
CAPTAIN KIRK...

... BUT EXPOSURE TO
HUMANKIND IS JUST AS
DISTURBING TO US!

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STARFLEET LIFE SCIENCES REFERENCE MANUAL

VOL. 3: ALIEN LIFE FORMS

SECTION II: INTELLIGENT ALIENS

SUBSECTION 12: BEBEBEBEQUE

ORIGIN SYSTEM: TYNT

PLANET: GAMMA VELORUM

OVERALL SIZE: 46 CM

AVERAGE WEIGHT: 7.7 KG



THE BEBEBEBEQUE ARE A POWERFUL ECONOMIC FORCE WITHIN THE FEDERATION BECAUSE OF THEIR TALENT FOR MINIATURIZATION OF MACHINE COMPONENTS. MARKINGS ON THEIR SHELLS DISTINGUISH IDENTITY AND RANK. THEY ARE ORGANIZED INTO CLANS CALLED "NESTS."

Councilor's Shell Mark

CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7739.1: WE ARE EN ROUTE TO THE ZETA SAGITTARIII SYSTEM WITH A DELEGATION OF BEBEBEBEQUE ABOARD. OUR ORDERS ARE TO INVESTIGATE THE FATE OF THEIR COLONY, ESTABLISHED ON THE PLANET MIMMIT 15 STANDARD YEARS AGO. BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN THE FEDERATION, CERTAIN AREAS OF THE ENTERPRISE HAVE BEEN CONVERTED FOR THEIR USE. BUT DESPITE THOSE EFFORTS, DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARisen. AMONG MY CREW - MOST NOTABLY A FATIGUE SYNDROME DR. MCOY HAS LABELED BEBEBE BEQUEPHOBIA.

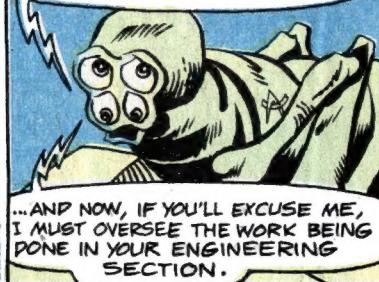
IN SICK BAY...

BUGS! THE WHOLE UNIVERSE IS LOUSY WITH BUGS!!

SOME OF MY CREW ARE VERY TIRED, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR. THIS ASSIGNMENT...

NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, CAPTAIN KIRK...

...WE HAVE JUST AS MUCH TROUBLE COEXISTING WITH LARGE CREATURES SUCH AS YOURSELVES...



BONES, WE NEED TO TALK. MEET ME IN MY QUARTERS AT...

CAPTAIN, SIR. IF YOU'LL NOTICE, I RAN OUT OF BEDS HOURS AGO! THIS IS SICK BAY, NOT A HIGH-PRICED HOTEL...

...AND I'M A DOCTOR, NOT A RESERVATION CLERK!

BONES! IN A FEW MORE DAYS, THERE WON'T BE ANYONE LEFT TO RUN THIS SHIP! I NEED YOU NOW!



CAPTAIN'S LOG:
SUPPLEMENTAL.

A FATIGUE
SYNDROME, WHICH
DR. MCOY HAS
LABELED BEBE-
BEQUEPHOBIA.
IS DECIMATING MY
CREW, AND I
AM CRITICALLY
SHORT OF
PERSONNEL TO
RUN THIS SHIP.

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CAN'T YOU RESTRICT THE 'BEEKS WHILE THEY'RE ON THE ENTERPRISE, JIM?

THEY'RE A POWERFUL ECONOMIC FORCE IN THE FEDERATION, BONES. I HAVE ORDERS NOT TO OFFEND THEM IN ANY WAY...



..WHEN THE BEBEBEBEQUE ARE OFFENDED, THEY CUT OFF TRADE PRIVILEGES AND THE OFFENDING PARTY GOES BROKE!



MEANWHILE, THEY'RE DRIVING US ALL CRAZY!!



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IF WE CAN'T RISK OF OFFENDING THE BEEKS, THEN MAYBE WE CAN TEMPORARILY MODIFY OUR OWN BEHAVIOR SOMEHOW!



HOW? THERE ISN'T ONE POCKET OF TRANQUILITY ON THIS ENTIRE SHIP...

...EXCEPT ENGINEERING!



IN THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE ENTERPRISE...

MISTER SCOTT, I'VE TALKED IT OVER WITH MY NEST.

WE FEEL THIS SECTION OF THE TRANSPORTER'S MATTER CONVERTER MECHANISM COULD BE MINIATURIZED TO MAKE SPACE FOR ANOTHER SIGNAL AMPLIFIER.



AYE...

...IT'LL GIVE US A TIGHTER SIGNAL...



HADLEY AN' CARPENTER'LL START ON IT WHEN THEY'RE DONE IN AUXILIARY CONTROL!



IN AUXILIARY CONTROL...

WE'RE ALMOST DONE WITH THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE AUXILIARY PHASER CONTROLS, MISTER SCOTT...



WITH THE BEEKS' SKILL IN MINIATURIZATION, EVENTUALLY THEY'LL BUILD STARSHIPS HALF AS BIG AS THE ENTERPRISE IS NOW!



GOOD WORK, LT. HADLEY! WHEN YER FINISHED, YOU AN' ENSIGN CARPENTER ARE INVITED TA A LITTLE ENGINEERIN' MEETIN' IN MY QUARTERS...



...WITH A BOTTLE O'
TWO-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD
SARGASSIAN WUFTI JUICE!

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WHEW! THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE AUXILIARY PHASER CONTROLS ARE DONE ...

I'LL JUST SEAL THE ACCESS PLATE...



SEE YA LATER,
HADLEY... I'VE GOT A DATE!

BUT... WE HAVE TO GO
TO MISTER SCOTT'S
MEETING!



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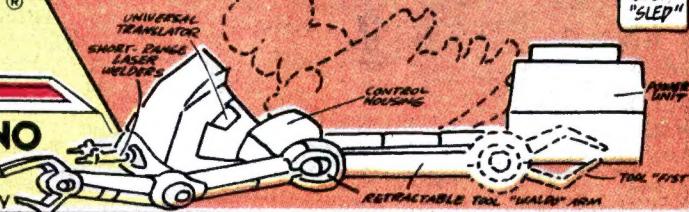
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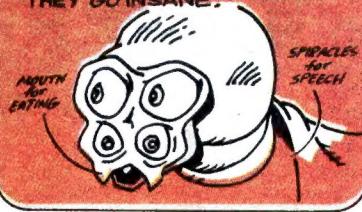
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OF THE BEBEBEBEQUE'S TWO PAIRS OF EYES, THE LOWER PAIR IS NEAR-SIGHTED, IDEAL FOR CLOSE WORK WITH THE HANDS. THEY ARE GREGARIOUS AND PREFER BEING PACKED INTO TIGHT SPACES. ALONE, THEY GO INSANE.



CAPTAIN'S LOG: SUPPLEMENTAL TENSIONS BETWEEN MY CREW AND THE BEBEBEBEQUE CONTINUE TO ESCALATE EVERYWHERE EXCEPT IN ENGINEERING. STARFLEET HAS AUTHORIZED EXPERIMENTAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE TRANSPORTER AND AUXILIARY PHASER CONTROLS, AND IT IS MY THEORY THAT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS FOR THE LACK OF HOSTILITIES THERE. HOWEVER, WE ARE DUE TO ARRIVE AT MIMUT IN ONE STANDARD WEEK. LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS UHURA AND SULLU ARE WAGERING WE WILL NOT MAKE IT WITHOUT A MAJOR INCIDENT ELSEWHERE ON THE SHIP.

MISTER SCOTT... CALL ME SCOTTY, SENIOR TECHNICIAN O' THE 7TH NEST—AN' HAVE SOME MORE SARGASSIAN WUFTI JUICE!



ENGINEERING IS THE ONLY PLACE ON THE ENTERPRISE WHERE WE FEEL COMFORTABLE, AND AT HOME, SCOTTY!

WE DON'T SEEM TO COMMUNICATE AS WELL WITH THE OTHERS.

3.2 CENTIGRAMS, 16 MM FROM THE CENTER OF GRAVITY, WILL GIVE US ANOTHER METER ON TOP!



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, MISTER SCOTT?!



WE'RE HAVIN' A LITTLE CONFERENCE WITH THE 'BEEKS, CAPT'N!

THEY'RE BUILDING SOMETHING IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM, JIM!

I THINK THIS IS WHAT ENGINEERS CALL FUN, BONES!

IT'S TIME TO TALK WITH THE ALIENOLOGIST WHO CAME ABOARD WITH THE BEBEBEBEQUE!



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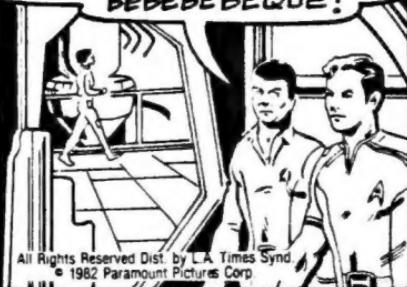
CAPTAIN KIRK AND DR. MECOY HAVE ACCIDENTALLY INTERRUPTED AN ENGINEERING MEETING IN SCOTTY'S QUARTERS...

THIS IS WHAT ENGINEERS CALL "FUN," BONES.

THEY'RE A SEPARATE SPECIES FROM US!



OUTSIDE... THIS SITUATION IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL! IT'S TIME TO CONSULT THE ALIENOLOGIST WHO CAME ABOARD WITH THE BEBEBE BEQUE!



...JUST BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY, JIM — HE'S A FERRETH, AND THEY HAVE LESS SELF-CONTROL THAN VULCANS!



THE FERRETH ARE VOLATILE, BUT THEY ONLY FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES, BONES. THEY DEAL PEACEFULLY WITH THE REST OF THE FEDERATION....

...AND THEY'VE TRADED WITH THE BEBEBE BEQUE LONGER THAN WE HAVE.



...YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND HIM IN CARGO...



"... I HEAR HE SPENDS A LOT OF TIME DOWN THERE."



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ON THE SHIP'S
CARGO DECK...

WATCHING
OVER YOUR
CHARGES,
MERNAT?

...AN ALIENOLOGIST'S
RESPONSIBILITIES ARE
COMPLEX, AND...

LET'S STOP KIDDING EACH OTHER!
I KNOW WHY YOU'RE REALLY
ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE!

YOU MIGHT
SAY THAT,
CAPTAIN KIRK.

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ONLY MY FIRST
OFFICER, MR. SPOCK,
AND I KNOW THE
REAL REASON
YOU'RE ON THE
ENTERPRISE,
MERNAT...

...BUT YOU
WON'T FIND ANY
THEEP SMUGGLERS
HERE! I
KNOW MY
CREW...

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"...AND SECURITY ON A FEDERATION STARSHIP IS
VERY TIGHT!"



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ARE YOU SURE
YOUR SECURITY
IS AS TIGHT AS
IT COULD BE,
CAPTAIN KIRK?

NO STARSHIP CAPTAIN LIKES
TO THINK OF HIS SHIP AS
TAINTED WITH ANYTHING
SO IMPURE AS ILLEGAL
DRUG ACTIVITY...



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"... YET THE CRIMINAL MIND TAKES ADVANTAGE OF
EVERY OPPORTUNITY!"



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SINCE THE DRUG,
THEEP, ONLY
AFFECTS THE
FERRETH,
TO YOU IT
MUST NOT
SEEM WORTH
THE EFFORT
TO SEARCH
FOR ONE
ILLEGAL
CANISTER.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO
FIND BY SPENDING SO MUCH
TIME HERE IN CARGO,
MERNAT?



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PATTERNS. THERE
ARE PATTERNS
IN EVERYTHING,

CAPTAIN KIRK...

...AND IF ONE LOOKS HARD
ENOUGH, IT'S POSSIBLE TO
SEE PATTERNS WITHIN
PATTERNS...

...THAT'S
WHERE MY
ANSWER
LIES!



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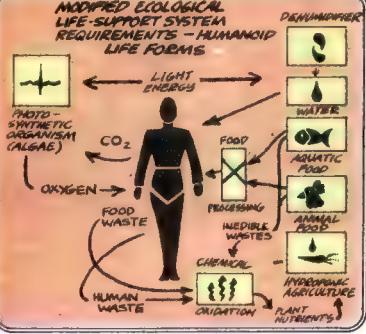
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HYDROPONICS SECTION
U.S.S. ENTERPRISE

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MODIFIED ECOLOGICAL
LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM
REQUIREMENTS - HUMANOID
LIFE FORMS



CAPTAIN'S LOG:
SUPPLEMENTAL.
ONLY MR. SPOCK AND I
KNOW THE REAL REASON
FOR THE PRESENCE OF
THE FERRETH ALIENO-
LOGIST, MERNAT, ABOARD
THE ENTERPRISE. SOME
OF MY CREW MAY BE
INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING
A CANISTER OF AN
ILLEGAL DRUG KNOWN
AS THEEP ONTO THE SHIP
USING THE CONFUSION
CAUSED BY TRANSPORTING
THE BEBEBEQUE TO
MIMIT AS A COVER.

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THEEP. THIOTRICHLOIDE ETHEPEPTINE.
A HORMONAL STIMULANT AFFECTING THE
DOMINANT LIFE FORM ON ALPHA
PARNACULON IV, THE FERRETH.



THE FERRETH ARE ABLE TO
LIVE QUITE amiably WITH
THE REST OF THE FEDERATION,
BUT THEY FIGHT AMONG
THEMSELVES...



...AND KILL FOR MATING
PRIVILEGES, AS VULCANS DO.

THEEP GIVES
THE FERRETH MALE
EXTRA ENERGY
AND HEIGHTENED
AWARENESS...



...A CHANCE TO
CHEAT FOR
THE HIGHEST
POSSIBLE
STAKES, IN
OTHER WORDS.

...BUT, MORE IMPORTANT TO US,
THIOTRICHLOIDE ETHEPEPTINE
IS HIGHLY CORROSIVE, AND WILL
QUICKLY EAT THROUGH
ANY CONTAINER...



MEANWHILE,
IN CARGO...



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CAPTAIN'S LOG: SUPPLEMENTAL. ONLY MR. SPOCK AND I KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MERNAT, THE FERRETH ALIENOLOGIST... HE IS HERE AS AN INVESTIGATOR. SOME OF MY CREW HAVE SMUGGLED A CANISTER OF THEEP... THIOTRICHLORIDE ETHEPEPTINE... ONTO THE SHIP. THE DRUG IS A HORMONAL STIMULANT AFFECTING ONLY FERRETH MALES, WHO KILL FOR MATING PRIVILEGES AS VULCANS DO. BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, IF THE DRUG IS HERE, IT IS A DANGER TO THE SHIP. THEEP IS AN UNSTABLE AND HIGHLY CORROSIVE SUBSTANCE THAT WILL QUICKLY EAT THROUGH ANY MATERIAL... INCLUDING ITS OWN CONTAINER!

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YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE, LUCY! NOW MR. SCOTT HAS SEEN US TOGETHER!

GET THE THEEP OUT OF CARGO, MIKE! THE BEBEBEBEQUE ARE TAKING THE LOADING MACHINERY APART AND THEY'LL FIND IT!

THE 'BEEKS ARE TAKING EVERYTHING APART...

... BUT MAYBE WE CAN USE THAT TO YE CANNAN TOUCH OUR ADVANTAGE! EASY, LT. HADLEY!

THOSE TERMINALS!



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IN CAPTAIN KIRK'S QUARTERS...

I'VE NOTICED YOU AVOID THE BEBEBEBEQUE, SPOCK.

YES, CAPTAIN, 'BEEKS NEVER CONGREGATE IN GROUPS OF LESS THAN TWENTY INDIVIDUALS. THE PSYCHIC ENERGY OF SO MANY BEINGS IS...

...UNSETTLING.

ABRUPTLY... SECURITY ALERT! THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL IS OFF LIMITS TO ALL PERSONNEL!

SECURITY TEAM REPORT IMMEDIATELY!

YOU CAN BET THIS INVOLVES THE 'BEEKS! THEY WERE WORKING ON THE EQUIPMENT IN THERE!

I JUST HOPE ONE OF THEM DIDN'T GET HIMSELF SERVED UP AS THE CRAB APPETIZER!



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IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL...

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, UMEKI?

IT'S SOME KIND OF RIOT, CAPTAIN...

... AND IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO BREAK IT UP WITHOUT HURTING SOMEBODY!

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT STARTED THE FIGHT, UMEKI?

NO, CAPTAIN...

... ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT'S MOSTLY BETWEEN THE ENGINEERS AND SOME TOUGHS WHO WORK IN CARGO!

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STARFLEET DIVISION OF COLONIAL OPERATIONS
GUIDELINES FOR HABITABLE PLANETS

INTRODUCTION: PLANETS GENERALLY FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES.

I. TERRESTRIAL.

EXAMPLE:
RIGEL III



CHARACTERISTICS: THEY ARE SMALL, CLOSE TO THEIR SUNS, MADE OF ROCKS AND METALS, HAVE FEW OR NO SATELLITES, AND ARE SLOW ROTATORS.

II. JOVIAN.

CHARACTERISTICS: THEY ARE LARGE, FAR FROM THEIR SUN, FORMED OF RELATIVELY LIGHTER ELEMENTS, HAVE MANY SATELLITES, AND HAVE RAPID ROTATIONAL PERIODS.



EXAMPLE: SOL VII (SATURN)

A FIGHT HAS ERUPTED IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE...



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ENGINEERING! SCOTTY, I NEED YOU! SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED IN A FIST FIGHT IN THE MESS HALL!



THIS IS MY CHANCE TO MOVE THE TEEEP!



EASY, LAD!
BREAK IT UP!

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CAPTAIN'S LOG: SUPPLEMENTAL. A FIST FIGHT HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL. UP TO NOW, SPORADIC ARGUMENTS INVOLVING THE BEEKS AND MY CREW HAVE BEEN AVERTED, AND I ONLY HOPE THIS INCIDENT IS NOT AN INDICATION OF A NEW BEHAVIORAL TRENDS AMONG SHIP'S PERSONNEL...

ALL RIGHT NOW, LADDIES, BREAK IT UP!

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ATTENTION ALL PERSONNEL IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL. THIS IS THE CAPTAIN SPEAKING...



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IN CARGO... / CHIEF ALIENOLOGIST MERNAT, THE CAPTAIN ORDERS YOU TO REPORT TO THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL...



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THE FERRETH IS LEAVING! GOOD! LET'S GET THE THEEP MIKE!



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WHILE IN THE MESS HALL... / I WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN OVER THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT, CAPTAIN.



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IN ENGINEERING... / EVERYBODY'S STILL WATCHING THE FIGHT IN THE MESS HALL...



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HADLEY AND I FINISHED WORKING ON THE TRANSPORTER CONTROLS, SO NO ONE HAS ANY REASON TO OPEN THIS PANEL UP AGAIN...



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MEANWHILE, THE ALIENOLOGIST, MERNAT, REPORTS TO CAPTAIN KIRK...



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I'M SCARED, MIKE! WHY DIDN'T WE HIDE BOTH THEEP CANISTERS IN ENGINEERING?

PUTTING THIS ONE IN AUXILIARY CONTROL IS INSURANCE, HONEY! IF...

WHAT'S IN THAT FUNNY-LOOKING CAN... AND WHAT'RE YOU DOING WITH IT, CREWMAN?

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL...

SINCE MY PEOPLE'RE INVOLVED, I'VE PICKED VOLUNTEERS TA EXPLAIN HOW THE FIGHT STARTED, CAPT'N!



IN THE ENTERPRISE'S AUXILIARY CONTROL ROOM...

LET ME HANDLE THIS, LUCY...

...IF YOU'RE SMART AND YOU WANT TO GET RICH, YOU'LL LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY BEFORE YOU TURN US IN!

WHILE, IN THE MESS HALL...

...AND THEN HE SAID, HE WOULDN'T SIT WITH BUGS, AND THEN I SAID, HE SHOULDN'T TALK THAT WAY ABOUT MY FRIENDS!



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Starfleet Pharmacology Handbook

Illegal Drugs

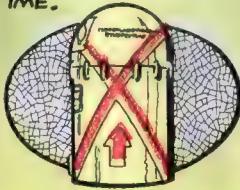
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(Thiotrichloride
Ethepeptine)

FERRETH HORMONAL STIMULANT, GIVING THE USER UNFAIR ADVANTAGE IN TRADITIONAL MATING BATTLES.

Remarks:

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING THIS DRUG. THEEP IS HIGHLY CORROSIVE AND CANNOT BE STORED IN ANY CONTAINER FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.



AFTER HIDING ONE CONTAINER OF THEEP IN ENGINEERING, ENSIGN CARPENTER AND HIS ACCOMPLICE ARE CAUGHT AS THEY ATTEMPT TO HIDE ANOTHER IN AUXILIARY CONTROL...



I'VE ALREADY MADE THE DEAL, SO YOU'LL BE A RICH MAN WHEN WE GET TO CYONIS IV...

...IF YOU KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THIS!



MEANWHILE, IN THE ENLISTED CREW MESS HALL, THE FIST FIGHT BETWEEN THE ENTERPRISE CREW AND THE BEBEBEBEQUE HAS BEEN RESOLVED...

I'M GOING TO LEAVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR THIS INCIDENT UP TO MISTER SCOTT, BUT I WANT TO WARN YOU AGAINST...



SUDDENLY...

YELLOW ALERT!
YELLOW ALERT!
CAPTAIN KIRK,
MISTER SPOCK
REPORT TO
THE BRIDGE!

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL APPROACHING!

ON THE BRIDGE...

THE SCREEN'S ON FULL MAGNIFICATION, SIR!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THAT DESIGN, UHURA?

I SURE DO...

...IT'S A KZINTI WARSHIP!



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THE ENTERPRISE IS ON
YELLOW ALERT STATUS, AFTER
THE SIGHTING OF A KZINTI
WARSHIP...

ON THE BRIDGE...

YOUR OLD
ENEMIES ARE A
LONG WAY FROM
HOME, SPOCK.



INDEED,
CAPTAIN.

MEANWHILE, IN AUXILIARY CONTROL, CARPENTER
HIDES THE SECOND THEEP CANISTER...

HURRY, MIKE,
I HEAR SOMEONE
ELSE COMING!



YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION,
PETE. YOU'LL BE A RICH MAN
WHEN WE SELL THIS STUFF ON
CYONIS IV!

JUST DON'T TRY
ANYTHING SNEAKY...

...YOUR REPUTATION FOR
CHEATING AT 3-D CHESS IS
WELL-KNOWN!

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THE KZINTI VESSEL IS
WITHIN SENSOR RANGE,
CAPTAIN...

...IT IS A FIRST GENERATION
WARP DRIVE SHIP, BUT IT IS
HEAVILY SHIELDED...



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...AND ARMED
WITH FOUR LASER
BANKS AND FOUR
PARTICLE BEAM
CANNONS!

THE TREATY
OF SIRIUS
FORBIDS THE
KZINTI TO
POSSESS ANY
WEAPONS!

DOES THIS MEAN WE COULD BE
IN GREAT DANGER?



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THE KZINTI ARE ONE OF THE MOST SAVAGE LIFE FORMS IN THE GALAXY, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR...

...THEY LIVE TO FIGHT, AND THEY FOUGHT FEROCIOUSLY, WITH NO CONCEPT OF MERCY OR LIMITED WAR...



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...THE TREATY OF SIRIUS GIVES THE KZINTI PROBATIONARY STATUS IN THE FEDERATION...



...BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE ONLY THE UNARMED POLICE SHIPS THEY NEED TO PATROL THEIR DOMAIN.



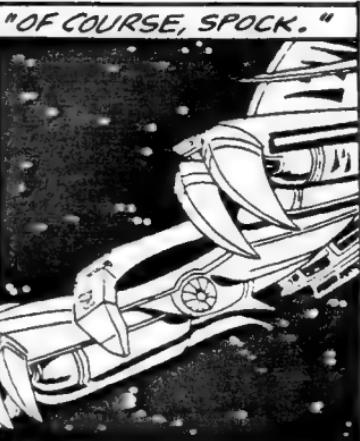
THIS COULD BE A PIRATE SHIP—
LIKE THE ONE YOU, SULU, AND
UHURA ENCOUNTERED IN THE
BETA LYRAE SYSTEM A FEW
YEARS AGO.



AS IN THAT INSTANCE, THE PATRIARCH OF KZINTI WILL, OF COURSE,
DISAVOW ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT.

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"OF COURSE, SPOCK."

ON THE KZINTI SHIP'S BRIDGE...



WHAT ARE
YOUR ORDERS,
FTH-CAPTAIN?

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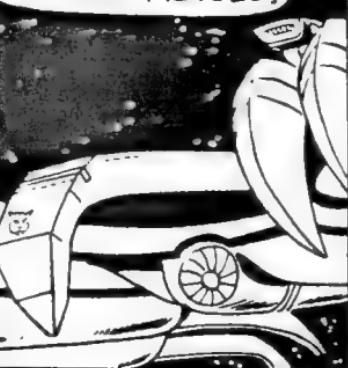
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ON THE
BRIDGE...

KZINTI VESSEL, THIS IS
THE FEDERATION
STARSHIP ENTERPRISE...



...AND THOSE HAD
BETTER BE
WATER PISTOLS!



WHAT ON KZIN IS
URR... FLYER, WAKE UP
A WATER PISTOL,
FTH-CAPTAIN?



ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

THE KZINTI SHIP
ISN'T ACKNOWLEDGING
OUR SIGNAL,
CAPTAIN...

... AND
THERE'S
NO REPLY
FROM
STARFLEET
YET, EITHER...



...BUT THE PATRIARCH OF KZIN
HAS DENIED POSSESSING ANY
ARMED SHIPS, AND IF ONE IS
FOUND, IT'S TO BE CONDEMNED
AS A PIRATE VESSEL...



ON THE BRIDGE OF THE KZINTI SHIP...

TELEPATH IS
ON HIS WAY HERE,
FTH-CAPTAIN!

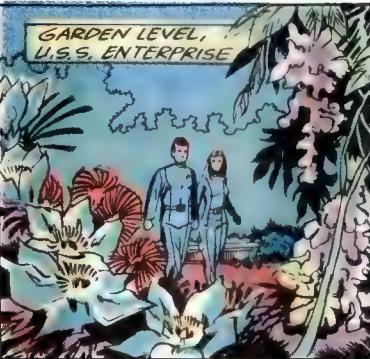


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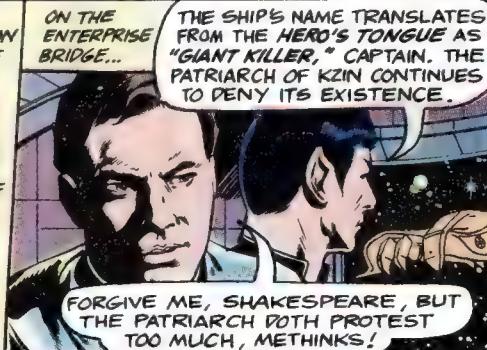
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GARDEN LEVEL,
U.S.S. ENTERPRISE



CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7748.5. SENSOR READINGS ON THE KZINTI WARSHP INDICATE IT'S HEAVILY SHIELDED AND EQUIPPED WITH LASERS AND PARTICLE BEAM CANNONS. THIS IS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE TREATY OF SIRIUS, FORBIDDING THE KZINTI, ONE OF THE GALAXY'S MOST SAVAGE LIFE FORMS, TO POSSESS WEAPONS. WE ARE TWO DAYS FROM OUR DESTINATION, THE PLANET MIMIT, IN THE ZETA SAGITTARII SYSTEM. I'VE INFORMED STARFLEET COMMAND OF THE SITUATION AND AM AWAITING ORDERS.

ON THE
ENTERPRISE
BRIDGE...



MEANWHILE...



TELEPATH, I WANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PEOPLE ON THE ENTERPRISE. WILL YOU READ THEIR MINDS FOR ME?



AS THE KZINTI TELEPATH ENTERS THE DOMAIN OF THE ELEVENTH SENSE...



MY HEAD... IT FEELS LIKE MY BRAIN IS GOING TO EXPLODE!



I RECOGNIZE THIS SENSATION...

...QUICKLY! YOU MUST ALL FOCUS YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE TASTE OF RAW VEGETABLES!



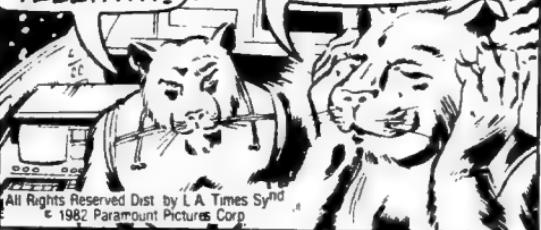
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ON THE BRIDGE OF THE KZINTI WARSHIP, GIANT KILLER...

I MUST KNOW WHY THE ENTERPRISE IS HERE, TELEPATH!

Y-YES, FTH-CAPTAIN... I HAVE THEM NOW! ASK WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW!



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CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7748.5: EVERYONE ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE IS EXPERIENCING AN INTENSE PAIN, MUCH LIKE THAT OF A MIGRAINE HEADACHE. ACCORDING TO MR. SPOCK, IT IS BECAUSE OUR MINDS ARE BEING READ BY A KZINTI TELEPATH...

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I HAVE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

CONCENTRATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE TASTE OF RAW VEGETABLES! IT IS THE ONLY DEFENSE!

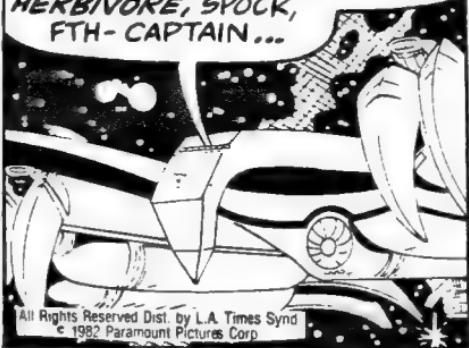


THE EFFECT OF THE KZINTI TELEPATH READING OUR MINDS SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED. THE PAIN IS DIMINISHING.



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MEANWHILE... I HAVE SCANNED ALL ABOARD THE ENTERPRISE - EXCEPT THE HERBIVORE, SPOCK, FTH-CAPTAIN...



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...IT IS ON A MISSION TO CONTACT THE BEBEBEBEQUE COLONY ON MIMIT. THERE ARE 'BEEKS ABOARD!



OFFSPRING OF A STHONDAT!!

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OUTSIDE AUXILIARY CONTROL ON THE ENTERPRISE, MIKE CARPENTER ATTEMPTS TO SHAKE OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE KZINTI TELEPATH...



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THEY'RE CARNIVORES... THE KZINTI CONSIDER IT BELOW THEM TO READ THE MINDS OF HERBIVORES.

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MEANWHILE, IN SICK BAY...



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ABOARD THE KZINTI SHIP...

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY OUT
OF THIS FOR US - WE WILL USE
OUR NEW WEAPON AGAIN...

...ONLY THIS TIME, IT
WILL NOT BE AGAINST A
DEFENSELESS
PRACTICE TARGET!

ON THE ENTERPRISE...

I'VE GOT OUR
ORDERS FROM
STARFLEET,
MISTER SPOCK...

...THEY SAY
WE'RE TO
PROCEED
TO MIMIT.

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IN SICK BAY...

CAPTAIN KIRK TO
THE BRIDGE! WE'VE
RECEIVED ORDERS
FROM STARFLEET.

EXCUSE ME,
BONES! MY
MASTER
CALLS!

...I'VE GOT A WHOLE
WARD FULL OF BUGS WHO
HATE KZINTI TELEPATHS!

MEANWHILE... { HAVE WE BROUGHT
OURSELVES TO THE
BRINK OF ANOTHER
FEDERATION-KZINTI
WAR?

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THAT'S OKAY, JIM. I HAVE TO
GET BACK TO MY HEADACHE
PATIENTS...

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IN THE AUXILIARY
CONTROL ROOM OF
THE ENTERPRISE...

WHEN CARPENTER GIVES ME
MY SHARE OF THE MONEY FROM
THE SALE OF THE THEEP, I'M GOING
TO BUY A NICE LITTLE CLUB ON
ARGElius II...

... AND
RETIRE!

BUT, UNKNOWN TO ANYONE...



CAPTAIN'S LOG:
SUPPLEMENTAL.
DESPITE MY
FULL REPORT OF
THE INCIDENT
WITH THE KZINTI
TELEPATH,
STARFLEET HAS ORDERED
US TO THE
BEBEBEBEQUE
COLONY ON
MIMIT WITHOUT
INVESTIGATING
THE PURPOSE
OF THE ARMED
KZINTI
WARSHIP...

AHEAD,
WARP FACTOR 4,
MISTER SULLU...

THERE'S AN OLD EARTH SAYING
ABOUT CURIOSITY KILLING
THE CAT, FIRST HIGH
COUNCILOR...

I AM FAMILIAR
WITH IT,
CAPTAIN...

... ALTHOUGH IN THIS
INSTANCE, I DON'T UNDER-
STAND YOUR APPLICATION OF...

CAPTAIN! I'M
SHOWING AN
INTERMITTENT
CIRCUIT FAILURE
CENTERED IN...



... AUXILIARY CONTROL!"



CARPENTER SAID
THAT THEEP STUFF
IS LIKE ACID... THE
CONTAINER MUST
BE LEAKING!

MEANWHILE, ON THE KZINTI SHIP,
GIANT KILLER...



ENGINE ROOM!
FTH-CAPTAIN, THE
ENTERPRISE IS
CHANGING COURSE
FOR MIMIT!



ARM-OF-THE-HAMSTRINGER,
THAT SHIP MUST NOT REACH
MIMIT! CATCH THEM NOW
WHILE THEIR SHIELDS
ARE DOWN!



THE HAMSTRINGER IS READY,
FTH-CAPTAIN! OUR BEBEBEQUE
SLAVES HAVE DONE THEIR
WORK WELL!

SHARMAN DIVONO
RON HARRIS
LARRY NIVEN

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& NIVEN

STARFLEET HAS ORDERED THE ENTERPRISE TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION TO THE PLANET MIMIT. HOWEVER, A PROBLEM HAS ARisen IN ENGINEERING...

AYE, CAPT'N! I'M SHOWIN' A MAL-FUNCTION ON MY BOARD, TOO!

I'M SENDIN' A CREW DOWN TA AUXILIARY CONTROL IMMEDIATELY!

IF SOMEBODY FINDS THE THEEP, AND PETE TALKS, I COULD BE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE!

WHILE ON THE KZINTI SHIP...

WE MUST DESTROY THE ENTERPRISE BEFORE SHE REACHES MIMIT, WE CAN ATTACK NOW, WHILE HER SHIELDS ARE DOWN! MY BEBE-BEQUE SLAVES HAVE PREPARED THE WEAPON...

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Larry NIVEN - 4/19

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IN ENGINEERING, SCOTTY AND HIS CREW WORK TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE MALFUNCTION IN AUXILIARY CONTROL...

THE TROUBLE'S GOTTA BE IN THE CROSSOVER CIRCUIT FROM THE BRIDGE, CHIEF ENGINEER O' THE SEVENTH NEST!

I AGREE, SCOTTY, THOUGH THE MODIFICATIONS WE MADE AT THAT JUNCTION CHECKED OUT PERFECTLY!

PETE HAS TO MOVE THE THEEP BEFORE THEY DECIDE TO CHECK THAT JUNCTION AGAIN...

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BUT HOW DO I CONTACT HIM NOW?

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IN AUXILIARY
CONTROL...

LET'S GET
SOME FOAM
ON THAT
STUFF!

WHAT
IS IT?!

SOME KIND
OF ACID,
I THINK!

IT'S
BURNING INTO
EVERYTHING!

WHY DID I LET
CARPENTER TALK ME
INTO HIDING THE
THEEP IN THERE?!

MEANWHILE, ON THE BRIDGE...

SIR, THE KZINTI
SHIP IS
UP TO
PACING US!
THEY'RE
SOMETHING!

DEFLECTOR SHIELDS UP.
INCREASE SPEED TO WARP 6.

CAPTAIN!
THE DEFLECTOR
SHIELDS ARE
MALFUNCTIONING!

Sherman DIVONO - Ron HARRIS
& Larry NIVEN
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ABOARD
THE KZINTI
SHIP... FIRE
THE HAMSTRINGER
NOW!

FTH-CAPTAIN, I, TOO, WILL
EARN A NAME, THIS DAY...

... BY CRIPPLING A
FEDERATION STARSHIP!

Sherman DIVONO - Ron HARRIS - Larry NIVEN 4-22

MEANWHILE, ON THE ENTERPRISE...

THE SHIELDS AREN'T
RESPONDING, SIR!
SWITCH TO
AUXILIARY
CONTROL!

I DID,
CAPTAIN! NO
WE'VE GOT
NO DEFLECTOR
RESPONSE!
SHIELDS!

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& NIVEN

THE KZINTI HAVE AN ENERGY WEAPON OF IMMENSE POWER, CAPTAIN. OUR SENSORS DID NOT DETECT ITS PRESENCE DURING THE INITIAL SCAN...

... FULL IMPACT WILL OCCUR IN 9.54 SECONDS...

RED ALERT! RED ALERT! RED ALERT!

THE KZINTI FIRE THEIR MYSTERIOUS WEAPON, THE HAMSTRINGER, AT THE ENTERPRISE...

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ON THE BRIDGE...

THE WEAPON GENERATES AN ENERGY FIELD, CAPTAIN...

YES, LOOK AT THE FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR!

IS THAT ITS ONLY EFFECT, SPOCK?

IT'S A CIRCUIT OVERLOAD...

SCOTTY! WE NEED THOSE SHIELDS! DIVERT IMPULSE POWER TO THEM IF YOU...

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IN ENGINEERING...

SOMETHIN'S WRONG WITH THE ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY GENERATORS!

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CLEAR THE AREA!



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THE KZINTI...
WARSHP,
GIANT KILLER...

ON THE BRIDGE...

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
ENTERPRISE WILL WIN US ALL
LAND AND NAMES,
FTH-CAPTAIN!

THE KZINTI FIRE THEIR
ENERGY WEAPON,
THE HAMSTRINGER,
AT THE ENTERPRISE.
WITHOUT HER DEFLECTOR
SHIELDS, THE STARSHIP
FEELS ITS FULL FORCE...

WHAT'S YOUR
THEORY OF THE
EFFECT THE KZINTI
ENERGY WEAPON
IS HAVING ON ALL OUR
CONTROL CIRCUITS,
SPOCK?



IT WOULD
SEEM...

CAPTAIN KIRK! AUXILIARY
CONTROL HAS FOUND THE
SOURCE OF THE DEFLECTOR
SHIELD MALFUNCTION...

ACID...
HMM...
WE MAY HAVE
FOUND OUR
SMUGGLED
THEEP,
SPOCK...

MEANWHILE, IN ENGINEERING...

YER PAFT, MAN!
WE DIDNA PUT ACID IN YER
AUXILIARY CONTROLS...

...THE ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY
GENERATORS ARE BUILDING UP A
TREMENDOUS CHARGE! THERE'S
NO WAY TO DISSIPATE...

...THERE'S SOME KIND OF
ACID LEAKING OUT OF A
CONTROL PANEL!

...AND IT MAY BE TOO
LATE TO DO ANYTHING
ABOUT IT...

MISTER
SCOTT!!



WE'RE
WEIGHTLESS!
THE SHIP
IS IN
FREE FALL!

SHARON DIVONO
RON HARRIS
LARRY NIVEN



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THE LEAKING CANISTER OF THEEP, IN AUXILIARY CONTROL, HAS CAUSED THE ENTERPRISE'S SHIELDS TO MalfuncTION, ALLOWING THE KZINTI WEAPON TO PENETRATE THE SHIP'S ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY GENERATORS...

SPOCK! THE ENTERPRISE WASN'T DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED IN FREE FALL! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

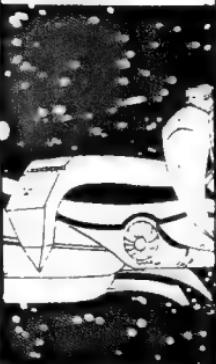


OBSERVE THE FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR, CAPTAIN.

THE BEBEBEBEQUE SLEDS HAVE ALSO BEEN AFFECTED!

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MEANWHILE, ON THE GIANT KILLER...



THEY HAVE NO GRAVITY, FTH-CAPTAIN! WE HAVE ROBBED THE FEDERATION SHIP OF HER FIGHTING CAPABILITY!



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IN ENGINEERING...

THIS IS A FINE MESS! WE'VE GOT NO SHIELDS, WE'VE GOT NO GRAVITY, AN' HALF MY ENGINEERIN' STAFF IS FLOATIN' UPSIDE DOWN!

HOW'S A BODY SUPPOSED TA GET ANYTHIN' DONE WHEN HE'S WEIGHTLESS?



DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE FREE FALL EXERCISES FROM YOUR ACADEMY DAYS, MISTER SCOTT?

I'D HATE TA TELL YE HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I PRACTICED 'EM, LT. HADLEY!



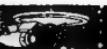
ABOARD THE KZINTI WARSHIP...

NOW WE WILL FINISH OUR KILL BEFORE THE CREW OF THE ENTERPRISE CAN RECOVER!



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AS THE KZINTI WARSHIP,
GIANT KILLER, CLOSES
IN ON THE HELPLESS
ENTERPRISE...



EVERYONE
BACK TO
YOUR
STATIONS...

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...AND
LOCK IN!

SNAP

THE THEEP HAS
AFFECTED OUR
PHASERS AS
WELL AS OUR
SHIELDS...

WE'LL HAVE TO
RUN FROM
THIS FIGHT!



Sharmen DIVONO - Ron HARRIS - Larry NIVEN 4-30

IN ENGINEERING...

THE KZINTI WEAPON
GENERATED AN
ENERGY CHARGE
IN THE GRAVITY
STABILIZERS OF
OUR SLEDS,
SCOTTY...

...THE POWER
FIELD WAS
NULLIFIED
BY IT.

THE SAME THING'S
HAPPENED TA THE SHIP'S
ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY
GENERATORS...

...IT'LL
TAKE HOURS
TA FIX!

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...AS FER THE
SHIELDS, I
CANNA SAY!

THE CAPTAIN
WON'T LIKE
IT A BIT!

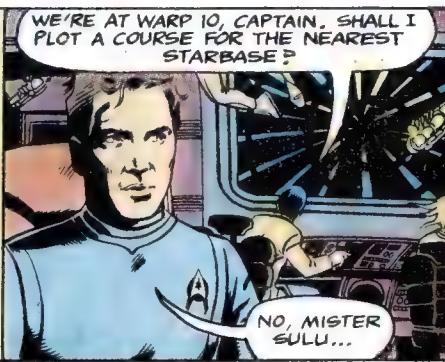
AHEAD, WARP TEN,
MISTER SULU!
GET US OUT
OF HERE!



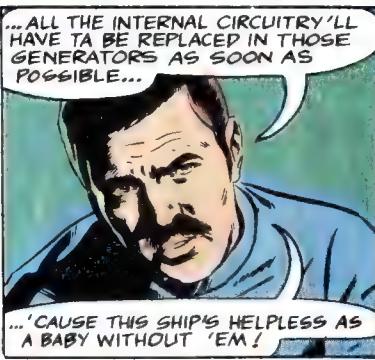
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CAPTAIN'S LOG: SUPPLEMENTAL.
THE KZINTI WEAPON HAS
BURNED OUT OUR ARTIFICIAL
GRAVITY GENERATORS.
WITHOUT THEM WE ARE
FORCED TO OPERATE THE
ENTERPRISE WHILE
CONTENDING WITH THE TRUE
WEIGHTLESS CONDITION
OF OUTER SPACE. OUR
MALFUNCTIONING DEFLECTOR
SHIELDS AND PHASERS,
COUPLED WITH THIS NEW
PROBLEM, MAKE IT
NECESSARY FOR US TO
RETREAT FROM THE KZINTI.
OUR SPEED IS THE ONLY
EFFECTIVE WEAPON
WE HAVE.



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CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7749-2 ... CRUISING AT WARP 10, WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AN IGNORABLE BUT SUCCESSFUL RETREAT FROM THE KZINTI WARSHIP, AND WE ARE PROCEEDING TO THE BEBEBEBEQUE COLONY ON MIMIT. GRAVITY HAS BEEN RESTORED TO SOME AREAS OF THE SHIP, AND REPAIRS ARE UNDER WAY ON THE MALFUNCTIONING PHASERS AND SHIELDS. WE HAVE ALSO FOUND THE CAUSE OF THOSE MALFUNCTIONS... A LEAKING CONTAINER OF THEEP HIDDEN IN AUXILIARY CONTROL...

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WILL YOU CONTINUE YOUR INVESTIGATION, MERNAT?

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YES, WE FERRETH ARE RELENTLESS WHERE THEEP SMUGGLERS ARE CONCERNED!

I HOPE TO FIND THE THEEP SMUGGLERS BEFORE WE REACH MIMIT, CAPTAIN...

...IF THEY'RE CAUGHT, AT YOUR NEXT PORT, CYONIS IV, THEY'LL HAVE A CHOICE OF DEATH BY HANGING, DEATH BY TORTURE, DEATH BY FIRE, OR DEATH BY ORBVCS...

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...PERSONALLY, I WOULD CHOOSE ONE OF THE FIRST THREE METHODS!

I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE ASSISTANCE YOU NEED, MERNAT.

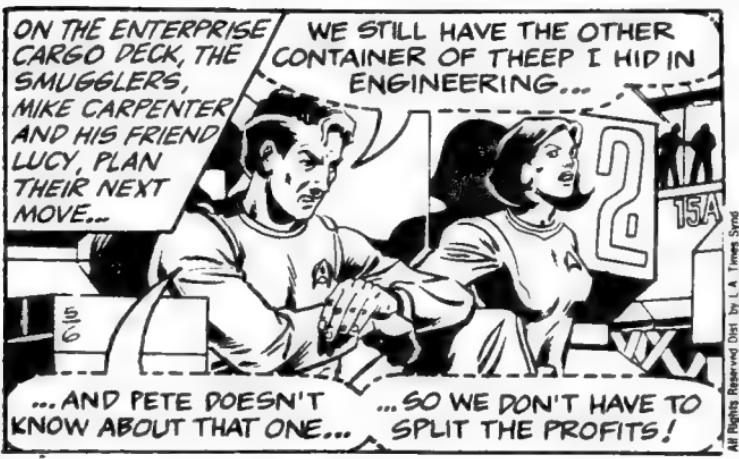
MEANWHILE, ON THE KZINTI WARSHIP, GIANT KILLER...

OUR BASE ON MIMIT IS PREPARING AN ATTACK ON THE ENTERPRISE, FTH - CAPTAIN!

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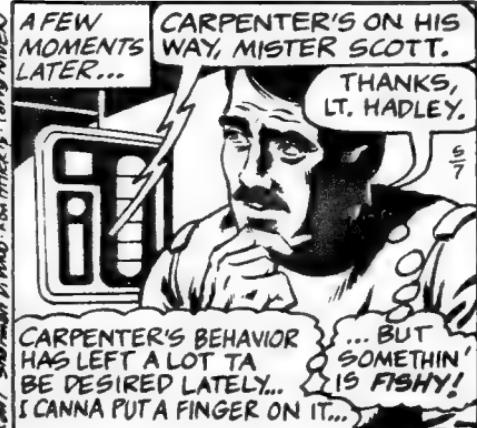


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CAPTAIN'S LOG:
SUPPLEMENTAL.
THE ENTERPRISE'S ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY GENERATORS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND PARTIAL POWER HAS BEEN RESTORED TO OUR DEFLECTOR SHIELDS WITH THE HELP OF THE BEERBEQUE ENGINEERS. WE ARE NOW DUE TO ARRIVE IN THE MIMIT SYSTEM IN A FEW HOURS, AND I HAVE CALLED A MEETING IN MY QUARTERS TO INFORM THE LANDING PARTY.



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IN HIS QUARTERS, CAPTAIN KIRK HAS INFORMED THE LANDING PARTY THAT THERE MAY BE NO SURVIVORS OF THE BEBEBEBEQUE COLONY ON MIMIT...

IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS, REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTER ROOM AT 0900 HOURS.



MEANWHILE, IN ENGINEERING, ENSIGN CARPENTER HAS BEEN CAUGHT WITH A SECOND HIDDEN CONTAINER OF THEEP BY HIS FELLOW SMUGGLER, PETE CONROY...



WAIT! THIS CONTAINER IS LEAKING INTO THE TRANSPORTER CONTROLS!

IT'LL CAUSE A MALFUNC ...



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AS THE ENTERPRISE NEARS MIMIT...

... IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...

STAY CLOSE TO LT. LATHAM WHEN WE REACH THE SURFACE, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR.



YES, CAPTAIN KIRK.

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HOWEVER, OUTSIDE THE SHIP'S ENGINEERING SECTION...

I HAVE LONG SUSPECTED THIS FEMALE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE SMUGGLING OPERATION. PERHAPS SHE WILL NOW LEAD ME TO THE TRUTH!



MIKE TOLD ME NOT TO FOLLOW HIM, BUT...

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IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...

CAPTAIN, SHOULDN'T THE ALIENOLOGIST, MERNAT, BE IN THE LANDING PARTY?



HE WAS ORDERED TO REPORT, SULLI, BUT HE DIDN'T. SECURITY IS LOOKING FOR HIM.

MEANWHILE, LUCY HAS FOLLOWED MIKE CARPENTER TO ENGINEERING AND FOUND HIM FIGHTING WITH PETE CONROY...



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A SHORT DISTANCE BEHIND HER...



SOMEONE... HELP... TO ENGINEERING... THE KILLING FEVER IS UPON ME... HAVE FOUND MORE THEEP...



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THAT CONTAINER IS LEAKING ALL OVER EVERYTHING, YOU IDIOT!



WE'VE ACHIEVED PARKING ORBIT AROUND MIMIT, MISTER SPOCK.



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IN ENGINEERING,
THE LEAKING
CONTAINER OF
THEEP DOES
MORE AND
MORE DAMAGE
TO THE
TRANSPORTER
CIRCUITS,
AS THE
SMUGGLERS
FIGHT...

OWW!
ACID... IT
BURNS!

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ON THE
BRIDGE...
MISTER SPOCK! SOME-
ONE'S ON THE COM
PANEL IN ENGINEERING...
YELLING FOR HELP AND BABBLING
ABOUT MORE THEEP...

ALERT THE TRANSPORTER ROOM!
TELL THEM NOT TO ENERGIZE!!

BUT...

PREPARE
TO
ENERGIZE...

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MISTER SPOCK RACES TO
THE TRANSPORTER ROOM
IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE
THE LANDING PARTY...

... WHILE IN ENGINEERING...

THEEP... IS HERE...
I... MUST KILL....!

GET DR. MECOY!
MERNAT'S GONE CRAZY
OR SOMETHING!

... THERE'S A FIGHT
GOING ON!

HEY...

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Maintaining standard orbit,
Lt. Commander Uhura.

IN THE
TRANSPORTER
ROOM OF THE
ENTERPRISE,
THE LANDING
PARTY IS
ABOUT TO
BEAM DOWN
TO MIMIT,
WHEN...

DO NOT
ENERGIZE!

SPOCK! WHAT'S
GOING ON?



IN ENGINEERING,
DR. MCCOY AND
A SECURITY
TEAM HAVE
ARRIVED IN
ANSWER TO
MERNAT'S
CALL FOR
HELP...

THE...
KILLING
FEVER...
THERE IS
THEEP
HERE...

HOLD
HIM!

GUNDPERSON!
FARNSWORTH!
ARREST THOSE
CREWMEN!

MIKE!
PETE!
STOP!

I'LL GET YOU FOR TRYING
TO CHEAT ME OUT OF
THE MONEY FOR THE
SECOND CAN OF THEEP,
CARPENTER!

YOU
FOOL!

SUDDENLY...

ZZAT!

TRANSPORTER
JUNCTION

THAT LEAKING THEEP HAS
AFFECTED SOME CONTROLS!
THEY'RE CAUGHT IN A SHORT-
CIRCUITING TRANSPORTER BEAM!

STAR TREK

DIVONO/HARRIS
& NIVEN

SMUGGLERS MIKE CARPENTER AND PETE CONROY ARE ACCIDENTALLY BEAMED INTO SPACE WHEN THEY ARE CAUGHT IN A SHORT-CIRCUITING TRANSPORTER BEAM CAUSED BY A SECOND LEAKING CONTAINER OF THEEP IN ENGINEERING...



WHILE IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM, SPOCK STOPS THE TECHNICIAN FROM FULLY ENGAGING THE TRANSPORTER MECHANISM...



IN ENGINEERING...

I GAVE MERNAT AN INJECTION TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THE THEEP. LET'S GET HIM TO SICK BAY.



I GUESS YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN A WHOLE LOT OF TROUBLE, LADY!



MEANWHILE, IN THE TRANSPORTER ROOM...

FROM YOUR EXPLANATION, SPOCK, IT SOUNDS AS IF THE LANDING PARTY CAME CLOSE TO BEING BEAMED INTO EMPTY SPACE!



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CAPTAIN'S LOG: STARDATE 7150-3. DUE TO A TRANSPORTER MAL-FUNCTION CAUSED BY A SECOND LEAKING CONTAINER OF THEEP, THE LANDING PARTY, CONSISTING OF MYSELF, LT. COMMANDER SULU, LT. MARSHA LATHAM, AND THE FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR AND HIS NEST, ARE GOING DOWN TO THE SURFACE OF MIMIT VIA SHUTTLE. THE FATE OF THE BEBEBE BEQUE COLONY, ESTABLISHED THERE 15 YEARS AGO, REMAINS A MYSTERY...



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ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

MISTER SPOCK, DE SENSORS ARE PICKING UP DE PRESENCE OF SPACE CRAFT LAUNCHING FROM DE SURFACE OF MIMIT ON IMPULSE POWER!



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UHURA, SIGNAL THE CAPTAIN'S SHUTTLE TO RETURN TO THE SHIP IMMEDIATELY...



...CHEKOV, GET MORE DATA ON THE NATURE OF THOSE SPACE CRAFT!

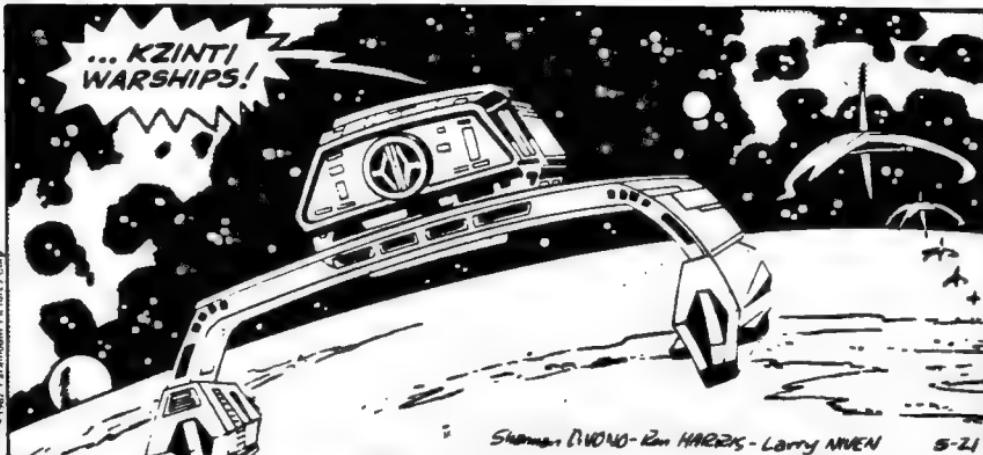


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CAPTAIN, WE'VE BEEN ORDERED
TO RETURN TO THE ENTERPRISE!

I CAN
SEE WHY, SULU!
LOOK...

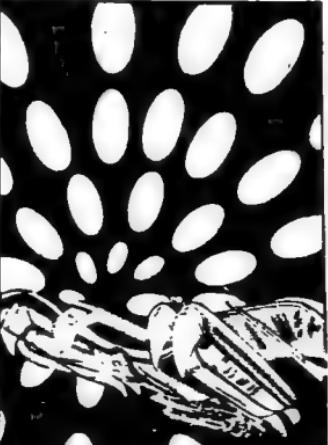
...KZINTI
WARSHIPS!



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THE KZINTI
WARSHIP,
GIANT KILLER,
LEFT FAR
BEHIND
BY THE
ENTERPRISE'S
RETREAT, IS
TRYING VALIANTLY
TO REACH MIMUT
IN TIME TO ADD
ITS STRENGTH
TO THE
SURPRISE
ATTACK...



GROUND BASE REPORTS
THAT THE ATTACK ON THE
ENTERPRISE HAS BEGUN,
FTH - CAPTAIN...



"...THE FEDERATION STARSHIP HAS
SENT A SHUTTLE OUT AS ITS
VANGUARD!"



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AT THE KZINTI GROUND
BASE ON THE SURFACE
OF MIMIT...

I HOPE OUR DEFENSE FLEET
DESTROYS THE FEDERATION
STARSHIP, TECHNICIAN...

...BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL
ALL BE EXECUTED AS PIRATES
FOR OUR ACTIVITIES HERE!

BECAUSE OF THE
TRANSPORTER
MALFUNCTION
CAUSED BY THE
LEAKING
CONTAINER OF THEEP,
THE LANDING
PARTY IS
USING A
SHUTTLE TO
GET TO THE
SURFACE OF
MIMIT. HOWEVER...

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DE CAP'TIN IS IN DE MIDDLE OF
A KZINTI ATTACK! VWHAT CAN VWE
DO, MISTER SPOCK?

DEFLECTOR
SHIELDS UP!

WE MUST TRY
TO PROTECT
THE SHUTTLE,
MISTER CHEKOV...

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"...IF THAT IS
POSSIBLE!"

MEANWHILE...

THE SHIELDS ARE
UP, CAPTAIN!

WITH A KZINTI BASE ON MIMIT, I
THINK WE NOW KNOW WHY THERE'S
BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM YOUR COLONY,
FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR!

I AGREE!
HOWEVER...

WE MAY NEVER FIND OUT
IF SOME OF THE COLONISTS ARE
STILL ALIVE!





THE GROUND-BASED KZINTI DEFENSE SQUADRON LAUNCHES A LIGHTNING ATTACK ON THE ENTERPRISE, AND THE SHUTTLE CONTAINING CAPTAIN KIRK AND THE LANDING PARTY IS CAUGHT AT THE FOREFRONT...

SPOCK CAN'T HELP US NOW! HE'LL HAVE HIS HANDS FULL IN A FEW MINUTES...

...BUT WE'RE NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS— FIRE PHASERS, MISTER SULU!

UPPER PHASER BANKS FIRING, CAPTAIN!



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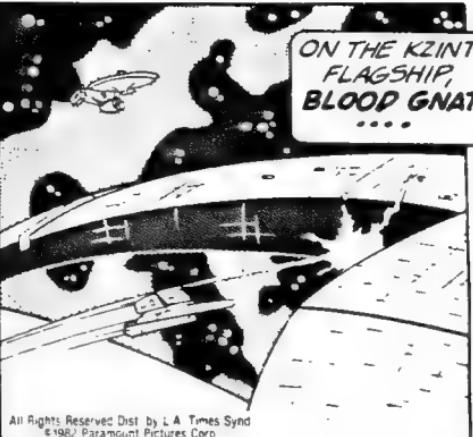
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ON THE KZINTI FLAGSHIP,
BLOOD GNAT . . .

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THAT SHUTTLE IS, BUT THE FEDERATION STARSHIP IS A BIGGER PRIZE...

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LET THE REAR GUARD PLAY WITH THE KITTEN WHILE WE CHALLENGE THE CAT!



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ON THE
ENTERPRISE
BRIDGE...

DE SHUTTLE
IS HEADED
STRAIGHT
FOR DE
MIDDLE OF
DE KZINTI
FORMATION,
MISTER
SPOCK!

HELMSMAN,
TAKE US OUT
OF ORBIT.

IT'S TIME TO GET THEIR
ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE
SHUTTLE AND ONTO US...

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FIRE
PHASERS!

ZZAT

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AS THE ENTERPRISE
LEAVES ORBIT TO
DRAW THE KZINTI
AWAY FROM THE
SHUTTLE...

ABOARD THE
BLOOD GNAT...

OUR PARTICLE BEAM CANNONS
CAN ONLY WEAR AWAY AT
THE ENTERPRISE'S SHIELDS...

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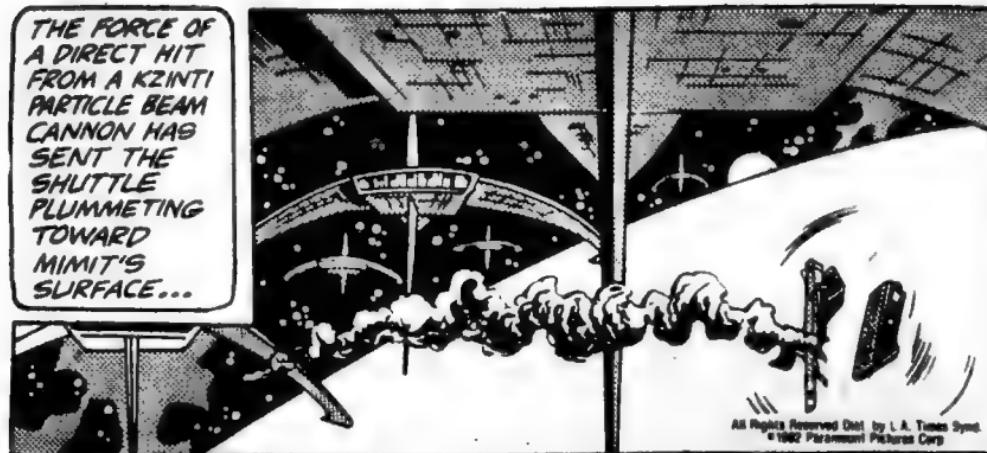
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...IF ONLY THE
GIANT KILLER
WOULD
ARRIVE!

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& NIVEN



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ON THE
ENTERPRISE
BRIDGE...

STAND BY TO FIRE
PHOTON TORPEDOES!

MISTER SPOCK! DE SHUTTLE
HAS BEEN HIT!

THE
ENTERPRISE
BATTLES THE
ATTACKING
KZINTI
WARSIPS
IN SPACE...

... WHILE, DESPITE
THE PROTECTION
OF ITS DEFLECTOR
SHIELDS, THE
SHUTTLE
CONTAINING
CAPTAIN KIRK
AND THE LANDING
PARTY SPINS
OUT OF CONTROL
FROM THE FORCE
OF A DIRECT
HIT FROM
A KZINTI
PARTICLE BEAM
CANNON...

SHARMAN DIVONO • RON HARRIS • LEONARD NIMOY

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THE SHUTTLE HAS CRASH-LANDED ON THE SURFACE OF MIMIT...



I CAN'T TELL, NEST BROTHER!

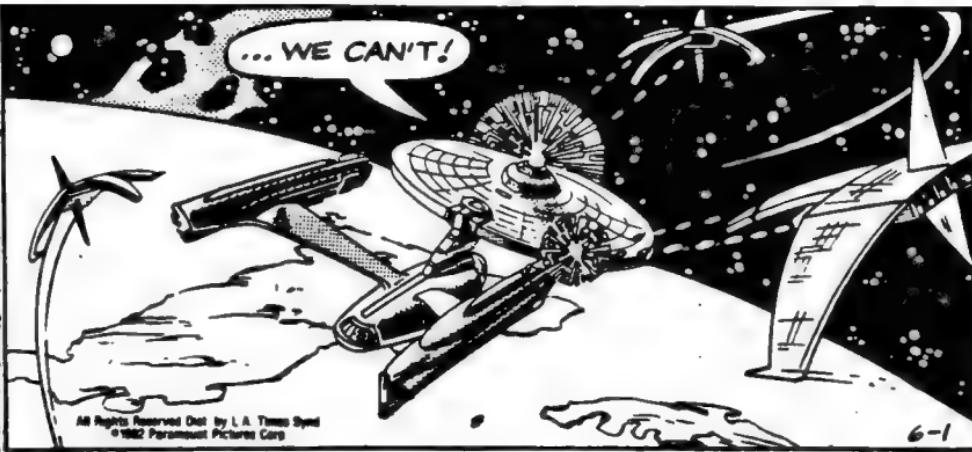
ARE THEY DEAD, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR?

ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

DE CAPT'N MAY BE HURT... OR DYING... AND VWE CANNOT HELP HIM!



...WE CAN'T!



STAR TREK



DIVONO/HARRIS
& NIVEN

MIRACULOUSLY,
THE BEBEBEBEQUE
HAVE SURVIVED
THE CRASH OF
THE ENTERPRISE
SHUTTLE. AS
FOR KIRK AND
HIS CREW...

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CAPTAIN! YOU
MUST WAKE UP!

...THEIR FATE IS
LESS CERTAIN...

...MOREOVER, THE SCENT
OF FRESH BLOOD TRAVELS
QUICKLY ON MIMIT'S
SPRING BREEZES...

UURRR...

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NEAR THE
SHUTTLE...

INSIDE...

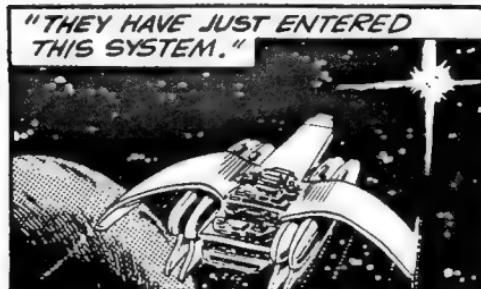
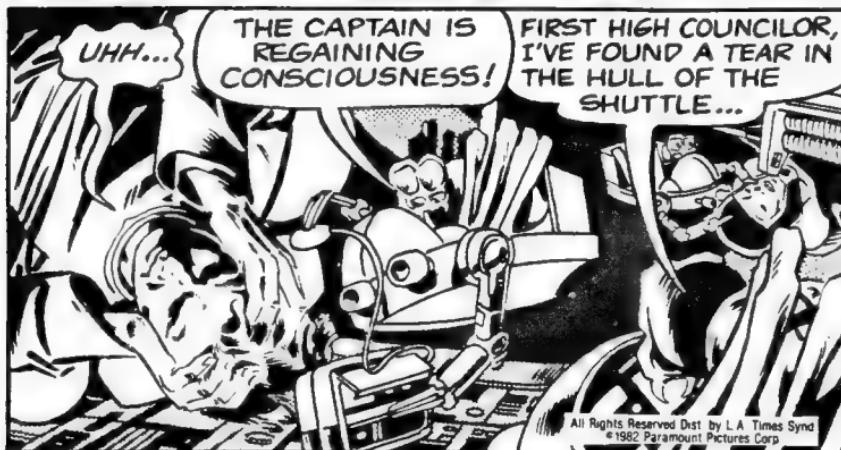
L.T. COMMANDER SULU IS ALIVE,
FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR, BUT
HE NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION!

I THOUGHT I HEARD
SOMETHING MOVING AROUND
OUTSIDE, JUST NOW...

ON THE ENTERPRISE...

I CAN'T GET THROUGH
TO THE LANDING PARTY,
MISTER SPOCK!

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IN SPACE ABOVE
THE PLANET MIMIT,
THE ENTERPRISE'S
BATTLE WITH
A FLEET OF
KZINTI SHIPS
GOES ON...

PHASERS
LOCKED ON
TARGET,
MISTER
SPOCK!

FIRE
PHASERS!

ON THE
BRIDGE...

IT'S NO USE!
THE SHUTTLE'S
COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT MUST HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED
IN THE CRASH!

ON MIMIT'S
SURFACE,
THE SCENT
OF BLOOD HAS
ATTRACTED
A LARGE
ANIMAL TO
THE DOWNED
ENTERPRISE
SHUTTLE...

UGH!
AGHGHGH....!

INSIDE...

THERE'S SOMETHING
OUT THERE, NEST
BROTHER... SOMETHING
BIG!

THIS INJECTION SHOULD
HELP CAPTAIN KIRK...

MEANWHILE,
ON THE
ENTERPRISE...

DON'T DE KZINTI KNOW
THAT THEIR PARTICLE BEAM
CANNONS WILL NOT
PENETRATE OUR SHIELDS?

THEIR STRATEGY IS
TO WEAR US DOWN...

MISTER
SPOCK...

"... IT'S
THE
GIANT
KILLER!"

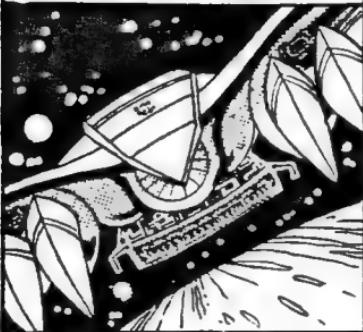
LUCK IS WITH US,
FTH-CAPTAIN! WE WON'T
BE TOO LATE TO JOIN
THE BATTLE AGAINST
THE ENTERPRISE!

WE'LL HAVE
THE HONOR
OF THE
DEATH BLOW,
FLYER!

I'VE INTERCEPTED
A COMMUNICATION FROM
A KZINTI VESSEL
ENTERING THIS SYSTEM...

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RON HARRIS
LARRY NIVEN
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THE KZINTI WARSHIP
GIANT KILLER HAS
ARRIVED IN THE ZETA
SAGITTARII SYSTEM...



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... WHILE ON THE ENTERPRISE, ENGAGED
IN PITCHED BATTLE WITH A FLEET OF
MIMIT- BASED KZINTI SHIPS...

DE GIANT
KILLER
HAS DE
STRANGE
ENERGY
VWEAPON!
IF VWE
LOSE OUR
GRAVITY
GENERATORS
AGAIN...

THE WEAPON WILL NOT PENETRATE
OUR SHIELDS IF WE CAN MAINTAIN
THE NECESSARY POWER, MR. CHEKOV.



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STILL, THE SITUATION
FURTHER PREVENTS US
FROM RESCUING THE
LANDING PARTY ON
MIMIT!



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ON THE SURFACE OF MIMIT...



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INSIDE THE WRECKED
SHUTTLE...

WHAT'S THAT?!
OUR ORIGINAL SURVEY OF
THIS PLANET REVEALED
NO SUCH LIFE FORM!



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AGHRRR!



STAR TREK



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& NIVEN

AS THE BLOOD-THIRSTY ANIMAL TEARS ITS WAY INTO THE SHUTTLE, CAPTAIN KIRK, STILL FEELING THE EFFECTS OF THE CRASH, ATTEMPTS TO SAVE SULLU...



C-CAPTAIN?



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DIVONO/HARRIS
& NIVEN

THE BEBEBEBEQUE ATTEMPT TO USE LATHAM'S PHASER RIFLE, BUT...

RAISE THE BARREL!

IT'S TOO HEAVY!

IS THIS THE FIRING MECHANISM?

WHAT IF WE MISS...

THE ERROR FACTOR IS TOO GREAT, NEST BROTHERS!

WE MAY, INDEED, MISS, AND ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE CAPTAIN...

...AND HIT THE CAPTAIN?

AAHHH...

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... THEREFORE,
WE'LL USE
THE WEAPON'S
STUN SETTING!

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IN SPACE, THE ENTERPRISE IS LOCKED IN COMBAT WITH THE KZINTI FLEET...

BUT, INSIDE THE KZINTI GROUND BASE ON MIMIT'S SURFACE...

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, A FEW MOMENTS AGO MY INSTRUMENTS DETECTED A LARGE OBJECT ENTERING OUR ATMOSPHERE.

THE ATTACK FLEET REPORTED DOWNING A SHUTTLE SHORTLY BEFORE ENGAGING THE ENTERPRISE...

I'LL CHECK IT, BUT THIS BEEK SLAVE WILL TEST YOUR CONSOLE TO MAKE SURE THE READING WASN'T FALSE.

THE FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR OF THE BEBERE BEQUE AND HIS NEST BROTHERS HAVE USED LT. LATHAM'S Phaser RIFLE TO SAVE KIRK'S LIFE WHEN AN UNIDENTIFIED ALIEN LIFE FORM GAINED ENTRANCE INTO THE SHUTTLE WRECKAGE...

HOW LONG WILL THE ANIMAL REMAIN STUNNED, CAPTAIN?

ABOUT A HALF-HOUR, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR...

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WE'D BETTER BE LONG GONE BY THEN! I'LL CALL THE SHIP.

MOMENTS LATER, ON THE ENTERPRISE BRIDGE...

MISTER SPOCK! THE LANDING PARTY IS ALIVE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE KZINTI BASE ON MIMIT...

ALL STATIONS ALERT! THIS IS THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER...

I MUST INFORM THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SITUATION.

SHARON DIVONO &
RON HARRIS &
LARRY NIVEN '83

...I'M PICKING UP A GROUND SOURCE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE FEDERATION STARSHIP! PINPOINT ITS LOCATION!

NEST BROTHER, TO ESCAPE THIS SLAVERY, WE MUST RISK EVERYTHING TO RESCUE THE FEDERATION SHUTTLE CREW!

I'LL INFORM THE OTHER UNDERGROUND OPERATIVES!

STAR TREK



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& NIVEN

Having recovered from the crash of the shuttle and the subsequent attack of one of Mimit's ferocious life forms, Kirk contacts the Enterprise...

HERE IS OUR PRESENT SITUATION, CAPTAIN...

BUT, AT THEIR GROUND BASE, THE KZINTI INTERCEPTS KIRK'S CALL TO THE SHIP, AND...

SLAVES, YOU WILL ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF A GROUND VEHICLE!



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A HUNTING PARTY MUST BE SENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE THIS!



THE KZINTI WILL BUTCHER THAT FEDERATION SHUTTLE CREW!

IN THE CONTROL TOWER OF THE KZINTI GROUND BASE...

NEST BROTHER, WITH THE HELP OF THAT FEDERATION STARSHIP, WE CAN END OUR SLAVERY TO THE KZINTI...



...WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE THE SHUTTLE CREW BEFORE THE HUNTING PARTY FINDS THEM!

YOU PREPARE THE GROUND CAR, AS WE WERE ORDERED...



... I'LL ALERT OUR HIDDEN TRANSPORTER STATION!

MEANWHILE...

JUST KEEP MY SHIP OUT OF THE CLAWS OF THE KZINTI, SPOCK! I'LL CHECK IN AT REGULAR INTERVALS.



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IT SOUNDS LIKE OUR CHANCES FOR A QUICK RESCUE ARE SLIM, CAPTAIN.

THE TRANSPORTER ISN'T FIXED YET, AND IF IT WERE, THE ENTERPRISE COULDN'T DROP ITS SHIELDS TO BEAM US ABOARD.

THEN WE'RE STUCK HERE.

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WHY ARE THERE NO RECORDS OF THIS LIFE FORM?

FROM THE WAY IT ATTACKED US, I'D SAY IT'S A CARNIVORE...LOOK AT THESE TUSKS...

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...BUT SOME OF THE TEETH ARE FLAT, SO IT MUST EAT PLANTS, TOO.

DIVONO - HARRIS 6-16

THIS ANIMAL'S EXISTENCE IS ONLY ONE OF THE INCONSISTENCIES THAT DISTURBS ME ABOUT MIMIT, CAPTAIN...

...IN SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER, THE PLANET'S SURFACE SHOULD BE COVERED WITH A NATIVE PLANT WE NAMED CARPET LEAF."

IT'S NOW CARPET LEAF SEASON...

"... AND THE SURFACE IS BARE!"

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"IT WAS TO BE OUR COLONY'S MAIN FOOD CROP..."

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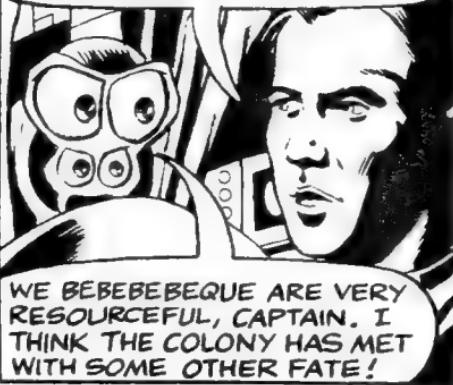
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MAYBE THE CARPET LEAF SEASON IS SHORTER THAN YOUR EXPLORATION TEAM ESTIMATED, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR...



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... THE COLONISTS MIGHT HAVE STARVED TO DEATH!



WE BEBEBEBEQUE ARE VERY RESOURCEFUL, CAPTAIN. I THINK THE COLONY HAS MET WITH SOME OTHER FATE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE KZINTI BASE, THE HUNTING PARTY LEAVES TO SEARCH FOR THE SHUTTLE... AND ITS CREW!



SHALL WE BRING IN THE PRISONERS...

... OR CONSIDER THEM FRESH MEAT?

AS THE KZINTI HUNTING PARTY LEAVES THE BASE...

I PARTIALLY BLOCKED THE GROUND CAR'S FUEL LINE WHEN I PREPARED IT. THAT WILL BUY US TIME.



I'VE GOT THE SHUTTLE'S COORDINATES. LET'S START BEAMING THE CREW IN!

BUT... SINCE WE KNOW WHERE THE MAIN COLONY IS LOCATED, WE MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME GROUND RECONNAISSANCE...



... BEFORE "SLEEPING BEAUTY" WAKES UP!



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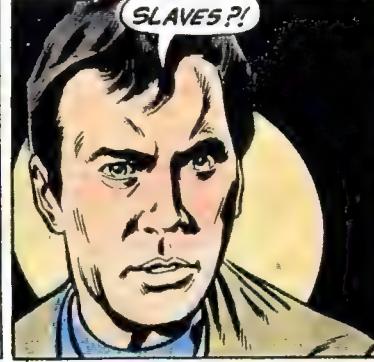
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...ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ALONE ARE LEFT TO OCCUPY THE FEDERATION STARSHIP UNTIL THE GIANT KILLER ARRIVES!

ON MIMIT'S SURFACE, A HUNTING PARTY HAS BEEN DISPATCHED FROM THE KZINTI GROUND BASE TO FIND THE SHUTTLE...

SRI TH WAS A GOOD COMMANDER. I SHALL MISS HAVING HIM ON MY FLANK...



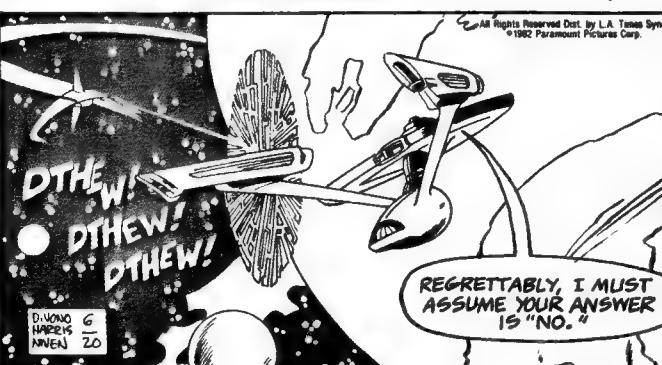
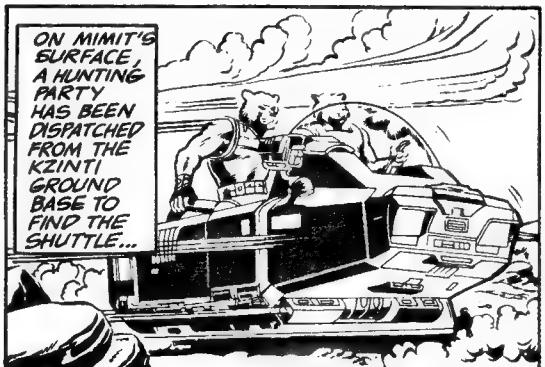
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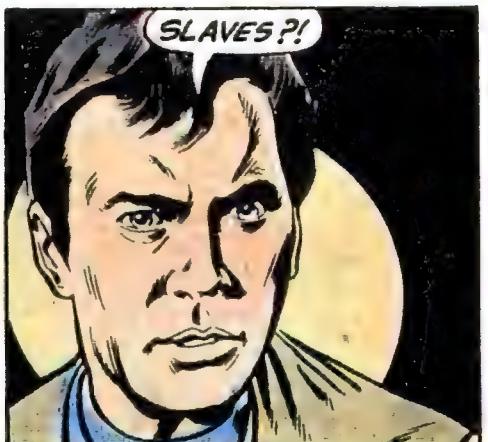
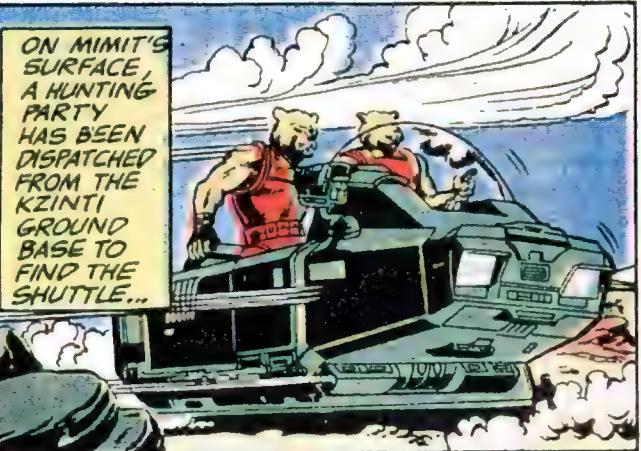


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...ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ALONE ARE LEFT TO OCCUPY THE FEDERATION STARSHIP UNTIL THE GIANT KILLER ARRIVES!



...AND I STRONGLY ADVISE YOU TO SURRENDER...



REGRETTABLY, I MUST ASSUME YOUR ANSWER IS "NO."

STAR TREK



DIVOND/HARRIS
& NIVEN

CAPTAIN'S LOG:
STARDATE 7752.3

THE BEBEBEBEQUE
COLONIALS HAVE
WARNED US THAT
A KZINTI HUNTING
PARTY IS ON ITS
WAY HERE. WE
ARE MAKING USE
OF THE COLONY'S
HIDDEN
TRANSPORTER
BASE TO
ESCAPE...

I'D FORGOTTEN HOW BIG
HUMANS ARE. YOU MUST
COMPRESS YOUR BODY
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

BUT... WE HAVEN'T
MUCH TIME,
SULU! DO IT!



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YOU CALLED
THIS ANIMAL
A RAVAGER?

YES, CAPTAIN KIRK,
AND IT'S DIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR
OUR SLAVERY TO
THE KZINTI!

DIVOND/HARRIS-NIVEN

HOW DID THESE
RAVAGERS CAUSE
THE FAILURE OF
YOUR COLONY,
TECHNICIAN?

WHEN THE FIRST SURVEY
TEAMS APPROVED THIS PLANET
FOR COLONIZATION, THESE
ANIMALS HADN'T YET
EMERGED FROM HIBERNATION.

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DIVOND-HARRIS-NIVEN
THAT'S CORRECT,
FIRST HIGH
COUNCILOR. YOU
SEE...



THAT'S WHY THERE'S NO
RECORD OF THEM!

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...IN LATE SPRING, RAVAGERS ARE
HERBIVOROUS. THEY FEED ON THE
CARPET LEAF PLANT AND GROW STRONG..."



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...IT'S ONLY WHEN THE CARPET LEAF IS GONE
THAT THEY BECOME MEAT EATERS!"

STAR TREK



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& NIVEN

DIDN'T YOU SAY MIMIT
WAS SELECTED FOR
COLONIZATION BECAUSE
OF THE CARPET LEAF
PLANT, FIRST HIGH
COUNCILOR?

YES, CAPTAIN.
EVENTUALLY WE
HAD PLANNED TO
EXPORT IT.

WE WERE BUSY HARVESTING OUR FIRST
CROP WHEN THE RAVAGERS EMERGED
FROM HIBERNATION...

MIMIT LIES JUST
OUTSIDE THE OLD
BOUNDARIES OF
THE KZINTI
PATRIARCHY.

YES, AND ANOTHER THING
OUR SURVEY TEAMS DIDN'T
KNOW WAS THAT THE KZINTI
HAVE AN ANNUAL RAVAGER
HUNT ON MIMIT...

...IT'S SOME KIND OF
COMING-OF-AGE RITUAL...

6-23
...AND, SINCE WE HAD TAKEN THEIR FOOD,
THERE WAS NOTHING FOR THEM TO EAT... AND
THEY TURNED ON US!



"WE'D ALL BE
DEAD IF THE
KZINTI HADN'T
HAPPENED BY!"



6-24
...THEY SAVED OUR LIVES...



...THEN ENSLAVED US!"

WITH THE BEKS' TALENT FOR
MINIATURIZATION, MIMIT HAS BEEN
A VERITABLE WRISTWATCH
PLANTATION FOR THE KZINTI...



...UNTIL
NOW!

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THE REST OF YOUR LANDING PARTY IS
SAFE, CAPTAIN KIRK. IT'S TIME FOR YOU
AND THE FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR TO
TRANSPORT TO OUR BASE...



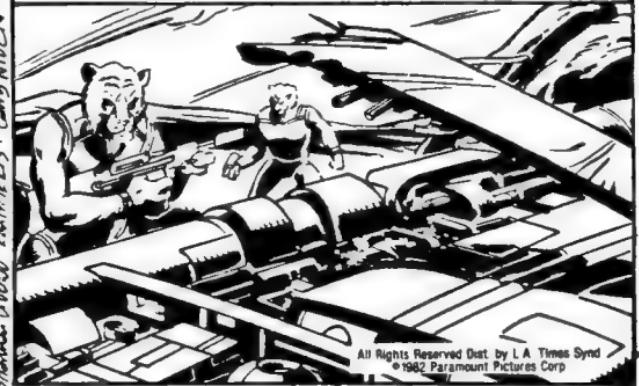
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THE BEBEBEQUE
OF MINIT HAVE
USED THEIR HIDDEN
TRANSPORTER TO
BEAM CAPTAIN KIRK
AND THE LANDING
PARTY TO SAFETY...



OUCH!
NOW I KNOW
WHY I HAD TO
SCRUNCH UP
LIKE THIS!

MEANWHILE, THE KZINTI ARRIVE AT THE
WRECKAGE OF THE SHUTTLE...



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BUT INSIDE...



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THE KZINTI HUNTING PARTY
PREPARES TO RECONNOITER
THE ENTERPRISE SHUTTLE,
READY FOR ALL COMBAT
POSSIBILITIES...

...EXCEPT ONE, PERHAPS... FOR
INSIDE THE RAVAGER IS
ALSO READY...

URR...

CAPTAIN'S LOG - STARDATE 7752-3
15 YEARS PREVIOUSLY
THE BEBEBEBEQUE
COLONY ON MIMIT
WAS NEARLY
DESTROYED BY
RAVAGERS. THE
KZINTI, COMING
TO MIMIT TO
HUNT THESE
ANIMALS, SAVED
THE COLONISTS,
THEN ENSLAVED
THEM.

INSIDE THE BEBEBEBEQUE
SECRET REFUGE...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WEAPON
ABOARD THE GIANT KILLER THAT KNOCKED OUT
MY SHIP'S GRAVITY GENERATORS?

WE KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT THE
HAMSTRINGER,
CAPTAIN KIRK...

THE KZINTI MEAN TO
BUILD MORE OF THEM, AND
THEN TO CHALLENGE
THE FEDERATION!

WE WERE
FORCED TO
BUILD IT, AND
INSTALL IT
IN THE
GIANT
KILLER.

WE NEED YOUR
HELP! THE
ENTERPRISE IS
ABOUT TO ENGAGE
THE GIANT KILLER
AGAIN...

KIRK TO
ENTERPRISE...
WAIT, CAPTAIN!
THERE WASN'T
TIME TO EXPLAIN...
WE BEAMED YOU
TO OUR REFUGE...

...UNDERNEATH THE
KZINTI BASE!

AND, IN THE
COMMUNICATIONS
ROOM ABOVE...

THERE'S A
SIGNAL TO THE
ENTERPRISE
COMING FROM
THIS
BUILDING!!

TAKE THIS STRUCTURE
APART - UNTIL YOU FIND
THE SOURCE OF
THAT COMMUNICATION!

YES,
SIR!

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LARRY NIVEN
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& NIVEN

THE BEBBBBEBOUE COLONIALS BEAM THE ENTERPRISE LANDING PARTY TO SAFETY. HOWEVER, UNAWARE THAT THE LOCATION OF THE BEEKS' SECRET REFUGE IS UNDER THE KZINTI BASE, KIRK CONTACTS THE SHIP, ALERTING THE KZINTI...



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MEANWHILE, BELOW...

CAPTAIN, IF THE ENTERPRISE CAN'T HELP US...

TECHNICIAN...

RIGHT NOW, SPOCK NEEDS OUR HELP MORE THAN WE NEED HIS, LT. LATHAM.

G-2B

...YOUR PEOPLE BUILT THE GIANT KILLER'S WEAPON... THE HAMSTRINGER, YOU CALLED IT...



DOES IT HAVE A WEAKNESS?

DIVONO/HARRIS/NIVEN

THE KZINTI ALWAYS HAD PLANET-BASED WEAPONS THAT CAUSE CIRCUIT FAILURE IN ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY GENERATORS, CAPTAIN.



6-29
THEY MERELY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OUR TECHNOLOGY IN MINIATURIZATION TO PUT ONE IN THE GIANT KILLER.

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...THE WEAPON DRAWS POWER FROM THE SHIP'S DILITHIUM CRYSTALS.

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MEANWHILE, ON THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE KZINTI BASE, THE SEARCH FOR THE ENTERPRISE LANDING PARTY IS INTERRUPTED WHEN THE HUNTING PARTY RETURNS...



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WHEN WE FOUND THE ENTERPRISE SHUTTLE, THE ONLY THING INSIDE WAS A RAVAGER!



THAT'S BECAUSE SOMEHOW, THE BEEKS BROUGHT THEM HERE! WE'RE SEARCHING FOR THEM!

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WE'VE GOT THAT RAVAGER WAS PART OF A LARGE MIGRATION - AND GUNNER AND I LEFT A TRAIL OF BLOOD ALL THE WAY BACK!



ON THE ENTERPRISE... MR. SPOCK! SENSORS SHOW DE CAP'TIN'S LOCATION AS BEINGK INSIDE DE KZINTI BASE!

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... THE LANDING PARTY MUST'VE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED!

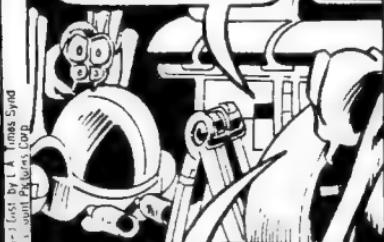
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I'VE GOT TO RISK CONTACTING THE ENTERPRISE AGAIN. MY FIRST OFFICER NEEDS THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIANT KILLER.

THE KZINTI WILL BE ABLE TO PIN-POINT OUR LOCATION EXACTLY, IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY...

...WE'LL BE PUTTING EVERY BEBEBEBEQUE ON MIMIT IN GRAVE DANGER, CAPTAIN KIRK.

WE DECIDED TO RISK THAT WHEN WE BROUGHT YOU HERE, FIRST HIGH COUNCILOR.



THE ENTERPRISE IS OUR ONLY CHANCE FOR FREEDOM!

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AND MOMENTS LATER, IN THE CONTROL ROOM OF THE KZINTI BASE ABOVE THE BEEK REFUGE...

I'M INTERCEPTING THAT ENEMY SIGNAL AGAIN!



I'VE GOT A FIX ON IT THIS TIME!

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ON THE ENTERPRISE, SPOCK RECEIVES KIRK'S COMMUNICATION...

YOUR INFORMATION ON THE GRAVITY GENERATOR WEAPON CAME JUST IN TIME, CAPTAIN...

...WE ARE ABOUT TO ENGAGE THE GIANT KILLER!

7-2 BUT YOU HAVE PUT YOURSELF IN JEOPARDY...

...I REGRET THAT MY ABILITY TO HELP YOU IS VERY LIMITED AT THE MOMENT!

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IN THE BEKK SECRET REFUGE...

AS IMPOSSIBLE AS IT MAY SOUND, WE'RE GOING TO TRY HOLDING OFF THIS ENTIRE KZINTI BASE WITH ONE PHASER RIFLE AND THREE HAND PHASERS.



7-3 BUT UNKNOWN TO KIRK AND THE LANDING PARTY, ON THE LEVEL ABOVE THE REFUGE, RAVAGERS POSE A MORE IMMEDIATE THREAT TO THEIR LIVES THAN THE KZINTI!

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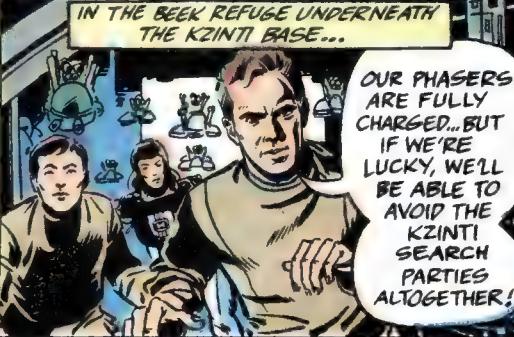
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A LARGE MIGRATING GROUP OF HUNGRY RAVAGERS HAS FOUND THE KZINTI BASE...



WHILE THE ENTERPRISE IS OCCUPIED WITH THE GIANT KILLER AND ITS GRAVITY GENERATOR WEAPON, THE HAMSTRINGER, ON MIMIC CAPTAIN KIRK AND THE LANDING PARTY ARE LEFT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND THE BEBEBEQUE...



HOWEVER, UNKNOWN TO KIRK, THE KZINTI ARE NO LONGER LOOKING FOR THE LANDING PARTY. STARVING RAVAGERS HAVE FOLLOWED THE HUNTING PARTY BACK TO THE BASE, AND...



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Larry Niven

MEANWHILE, ON THE ENTERPRISE...

THERE IS A LIMIT TO HOW LONG THE KZINTI CAN USE THE HAMSTRINGER UNDER BATTLE CONDITIONS, MR. SCOTT.



... BUT OUR SHIELDS HAVE A LIMIT, TOO... AN' AFTER BATTIN' THE ENTIRE KZINTI FLEET, WE'RE GONNA REACH IT FAST!



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ON MIMIT'S SURFACE, A RAVAGER ATTACK HAS HALTED THE SEARCH FOR THE ENTERPRISE LANDING PARTY...

IN SPACE, THE GIANT KILLER LAUNCHES ITS FINAL ASSAULT...

7-5



.. BUT THE SHIELDS ARE HOLDIN', MR. SPOCK!

AS THE BEBEBEBEQUE OF MIMIT ATTEMPT TO LEAD THE ENTERPRISE LANDING PARTY TO SAFETY, LT. LATHAM RETURNS FROM HER SCOUTING TRIP TO THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE KZINTI BASE...



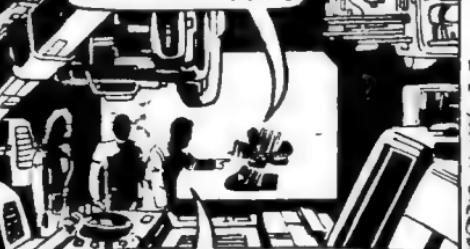
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CAPTAIN, WE MUST ALERT OUR NEST BROTHERS ON THE GIANT KILLER THAT THERE'S A REBELLION IN PROGRESS!



THE KZINTI ARE INCAPABLE OF MAINTAINING THE HAMSTRINGER. THEY'RE STILL DEPENDENT ON US FOR THAT.

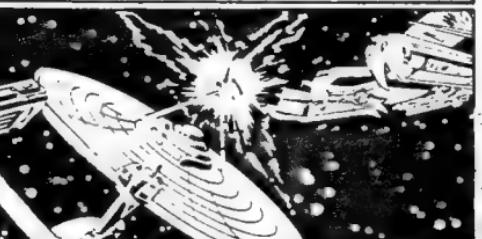


IN THAT CASE, I HAVE AN IDEA THAT MAY HELP TO WIN THIS FIGHT! LISTEN...

AND, MOMENTS LATER, IN THE ENGINEERING SECTION OF THE GIANT KILLER, A MESSAGE IS RECEIVED...

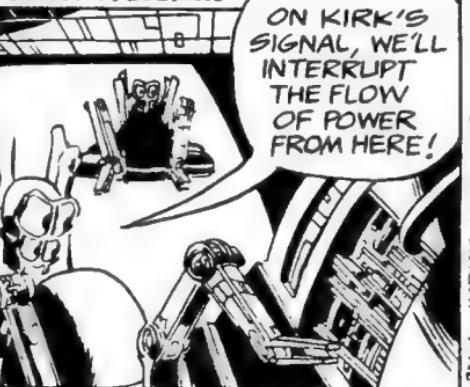


IN SPACE, THE GIANT KILLER'S SHIELDS PROTECT IT FROM PHASER FIRE...



BUT, UNKNOWN TO THE KZINTI CAPTAIN, PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO TAKE AWAY THAT SLIM MARGIN OF SAFETY...

IN THE ENGINE ROOM OF THE GIANT KILLER...



AND AT THE BEBEBEBEQUE REFUGE TRANSPORTER STATION...



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ON THE
ENTERPRISE
BRIDGE...

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SIR! NUMBER
4 SHIELD IS
FLUCTUATIN'!
OUR DILITHIUM
CRYSTALS'RE
BEGINNIN' TA
SHOW THE
STRAIN!

NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE TO
CONTINUE OUR FULL-STRENGTH
BOMBARDMENT OF THE GIANT
KILLER, MISTER SCOTT!

MEANWHILE, ON THE KZINTI
BASE ON MIMIT...

GOT YOUR
TRICORDER READY, SULU?
IF ONE OF THOSE RAVAGERS
ATTACKS US BEFORE WE CAN
GIVE THE COORDINATES TO
THE CAPTAIN...

IT'S ALL OVER
FOR US AND
THE ENTERPRISE!

LET'S DO IT!

CAPTAIN KIRK'S
PLAN TO BEAM
RAVAGERS
ONTO THE
GIANT KILLER
IS RUNNING
SMOOTHLY,
WHEN
SUDDENLY...

CAPTAIN!
LOCK ONTO
THESE
COORDINATES...

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SULU!
THEY'VE
SEEN
US!

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AT THE BEBEBEBEQUE TRANSPORTER
STATION...

SULU!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

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AS THE KZINTI FIGHT OFF
THE ATTACKING RAVAGERS...

...KIRK PUTS HIS PARING PLAN
INTO ACTION.

THE BEBEBEQUE ABOARD THE
GIANT KILLER ARE READY,
CAPTAIN.

PREPARE
TO ENERGIZE!

KIRK HAS
ENLISTED THE
HELP OF THE
BEBEBEQUE
ABOARD THE
KZINTI SHIP,
GIANT KILLER,
TO DROP THE
SHIP'S SHIELDS
AT PRECISELY
THE RIGHT
MOMENT, SO
THAT RAVAGERS
CAN BE TRANS-
PORTED TO
THE BRIDGE.
BUT...

HURRY, CAPTAIN!
LOCK ON TO THESE
COORDINATES!

AT THE HIDDEN TRANSPORTER
STATION...

COORDINATES
LOCKED IN,
CAPTAIN KIRK!

ENERGIZE!

IN THE FIGHT, THE
DISAPPEARING RAVAGERS
ARE HARDLY MISSED...

...BUT, ABOARD THE
GIANT KILLER...

FTH,
CAPTAIN!

H-HELP!

WHAT IN
THE NAME OF
A STHONDAT
IS GOING ON?!

ON THE
ENTERPRISE...

MR. SPOCK!
DE GIANT
KILLER HAS
VEERED OFF
COURSE!
IT IS
HEADING INTO SPACE,
OUT OF
CONTROL!

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USING THE TRANSPORTER MECHANISM IN THE BEBEBEQUE REFUSE, KIRK HAS BEAMED RAVAGERS ABOARD THE GIANT KILLER...



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AS THE KZINTI SHIP HEADS INTO DEEP SPACE, OUT OF CONTROL...



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...ON THE ENTERPRISE...

CAPTAIN, STAND BY TO BEAM UP!



ON THE ENTERPRISE...

SPOCK, DID THE TRANSPORTER ROOM GET THE BEBEBEQUE OFF THE GIANT KILLER?



UHURA, CONTACT THE KZINTI. THEY SHOULD BE READY TO SURRENDER!



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ON THE GIANT KILLER...

STATUS REPORT, FLYER.



OUR DILITHIUM CRYSTALS ARE COMPLETELY DRAINED, FTH-CAPTAIN...

WE HAVE NO POWER... SOON, WE'LL HAVE NO LIFE SUPPORT!

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WHILE THE ENTERPRISE DEALS WITH THE SURRENDER OF THE GIANT KILLER, THE LAST SURVIVING KZINTI FIGHTER, BLOOD GNAT, RETURNS TO MIMIT UNNOTICED...



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BUT AS THE CREW ENTERS THE BASE...

RAVAGERS HAVE ATTACKED!

QUICKLY! FIND ALL SURVIVORS AND GET THEM TO THE SHIP!



ON THE ENTERPRISE...

I'LL NEVER FEEL COMFORTABLE ABOUT ASKING ANOTHER CAPTAIN TO GIVE UP HIS COMMAND...



...EVEN IF REGULATIONS REQUIRE IT!



ARE WE GOING TO SURRENDER? WE'LL BE OUT OF AIR IN A WHILE, AND...

SURRENDER TO WHAT, FLYER?

WE'LL BE EXECUTED BY THE PATRIARCH AS PIRATES!



BUT... FTH-CAPTAIN, THIS IS GROUND BASE. GIVE ME A STATUS REPORT ON YOUR CONDITION.

MEANWHILE, ON THE ENTERPRISE...

SIR, THE KZINTI BASE IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE GIANT KILLER, BUT THE MESSAGE IS SCRAMBLED!



ACKNOWLEDGED! STAND BY TO BEAM ABOARD THE BLOOD GNAT!

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ON THE ENTERPRISE, KIRK WAITS FOR THE CAPTAIN OF THE GIANT KILLER TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICIAL FEDERATION TERMS OF SURRENDER...

IT'S BEEN TOO LONG! THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING!

ABRUPTLY, THE GIANT KILLER EXPLODES WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE...

...AND, AT THAT SAME MOMENT, THE BLOOD GNAT LAUNCHES FROM BASE...

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ON THE BRIDGE OF THE ENTERPRISE, THE CREW WATCHES THE GIANT KILLER SELF-DESTRUCT.

I DIDN'T THINK THE KZINTI WOULD SUR-
RENDER UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
CAPTAIN KIRK.

IT'S MOST UNUSUAL THAT THERE WERE NO LIFE READINGS FROM THE GIANT KILLER A FEW MOMENTS AGO, HOWEVER...

7-17 AND, ON THE BLOOD GNAT...

HEAD FOR THE NEAREST FREE TRADER OUTPOST, PILOT. FROM NOW ON, WE ARE PIRATES!

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SOMEDAY,
I WILL MEET
CAPTAIN KIRK
AGAIN!